

Editorial A WARNING

"THE PRICE of liberty is eternal vigilance," declared Patrick Henry.

The wave of injunction suits by open-shop employers against unions throughout California, seeking to steal from the workers their constitutional right of picketing, is the latest proof of this declaration for the organized labor movement.

Even in San Francisco, where the people last March repealed a 20-year-old anti-picketing statute, a reactionary judge serves the interests of the employers by forbidding a union to picket the Howard Automobile Co., handling General Motors' Buick cars.

In Los Angeles, in Long Beach, in Alameda County, other suits are now pending, designed to subvert the democratic rights of the working people. Both CIO and AFL unions are being attacked.

Why this sudden wave of injunction suits against labor? The answer is that the bosses are becoming alarmed at the successful organization of hundreds of thousands of workers, chiefly into the Committee for Industrial Organization. And they have decided upon a broad campaign designed at smashing the labor movement, of which the injunctions are only a part and a beginning.

The ultimate aim of the open-shoppers is fascism, the bloody suppression of all labor and people's organizations along the lines of Hitlerism in Germany. They hope to make the attack on picketing a step in this direction. Next they want incorporation of unions, enforced arbitration, and other shackles upon labor, to pave the way for complete abolition of unions.

The way to defeat these fascist designs, is to whip the open-shoppers every time they bring forward one of these attacks on labor. And the best way for labor to fight the open-shoppers is in united ranks. Let American Federation of Labor and Committee for Industrial Organization unions unite their forces to smash all these injunction suits, to defend their constitutional right to picket. Vigilance now against the foe is of utmost importance if labor's rights and liberties are to be defended and extended.

LABOR ASKS AID TO TRANSIENTS

Santa Clara Supervisors Deny Responsibility

SAN JOSE—The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors refused to accept any responsibility for the welfare of agricultural workers left destitute and unemployed between crops, here last week, when a Central Labor Council committee pressed for a program to aid transient workers.

The supervisors admitted they didn't know how many workers are needed in the county, didn't know facilities and capacities of agricultural camps which they authorized on growers' property, and didn't know what happened to workers between crops.

Demand Immediate Aid

The labor committee demanding immediate county aid for transients, included Grace McDonald, chairman of the Labor Council's Transient Aid Committee; Fred Evans, council treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Gussefeld and Prof. H. Dewey Anderson of Stanford University.

A resolution recommending a county system of supervised grower camps, passed at the 1935 state convention of the Farmers Union, was presented to the supervisors by Fred Mil-lard, state secretary.

Alfred Aram, local attorney who helped State Federation of Labor Secretary Vandeleur betray the Salinas lettuce strikers a year ago, was present to try to block the labor council's program.

Aram Sabotaging Again

Aram opposed county aid for transients, saying "these are matters the unions themselves should handle."

Aram claimed to represent independent unions in Pismo Beach and San Diego. The labor council committee received a telegram from the independent unions, now affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, stating:

"Repudiate claim by Attorney Alfred Aram before Board of Supervisors to represent independent agricultural unions. He might have been asleep for we are now CIO affiliate, same is true of the CUCOM and agricultural unions in Los Angeles and San Diego. What does he know of problems and care of agricultural workers? We endorse passage of resolution on care of migratory workers."

"Signed: CHRIS MENSALVES, Gen. Secretary, Filipino Labor Union."

The labor council committee is demanding federal, state and county aid to take care of the 100,000 transient workers now jobless and suffering starvation in California.

The supervisors admitted here last week that, due to the fact that only half of the peaches are being picked this year due to the drop in market price, 1000 agricultural workers called here to work have been left stranded.

Brassiere Workers of Hollywood on Strike

HOLLYWOOD—Twenty-five girls employed at the Hollywood-Maxwell brassiere manufacturing company began picketing the firm at 6773 Hollywood Boulevard here Friday.

They are members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization. Strikers ask union recognition, shorter hours and higher wages.

School Comes For City Kids But Not For Field Workers

SAN FRANCISCO—One hundred thousand public school children of San Francisco rolled out of their beds with a groan today (Tuesday) to return to school after more than two months vacation.

However, for more than 50,000 children of the state between the ages of six to fourteen there will be no school. These are the underprivileged urchins of migratory agriculture workers.

These children will labor under back-breaking conditions until well into November. Only after the \$50,000,000 cotton crop is harvested will the small workers be released to attend school.

Handicapped by the 2 months start of the other children, these kids of rural workers will have their small hands full to cram down much learning before they are snatched out of school to rock San Mateo County.

Initiated by Lodge 800 of the International Workers Order, the demand for construction of a new fire-proof pavilion has enlisted wide support.

The county board of supervisors, with the blessing of County Executive Ernest A. Rollison, has countered with a proposal for a visiting nurse to administer home treatment.

Armed with a letter from Edythe Tate Thompson, chief of the state dept. of Tuberculosis, the IWO charged that the proposal is "utter folly" and evaded the issue of caring for the tubercular.

Miss Thompson wrote:

"...I do not believe we have reached the stage yet in the treatment of tuberculosis where we can return patients into exactly the same environment that caused their breakdown without not only losing all the money invested in their recovery, but also we know that the second break of a person who has had tuberculosis is apt to be more serious than the first. The relief budgets of all of our patients need to be increased and in many instances families need to be moved into better quarters."

"What I hope is that you may be able to put the nurse on for better follow up work and that there be an enlargement of the present pavilion. At least twenty additional beds are needed and this in no way would probably be adequate."

The entire controversy will be aired at final hearing of the board of supervisors on the county budget and hospital at the County Court Building in this city on Wednesday, Aug. 18. I. p.m. John M. Reynolds, president of the IWO lodge, as well as representatives of the Labor Council and local unions will attend to present their case.

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W. B. Maxwell of the county committee of the Workers Alliance here was chairman.

Roy Pyle declared the CIO will give full support to the fight to save WPA. Donnelly urged the workers to demand their rights through political action.

He said that 78 representatives and 18 senators had endorsed the Schwellenbach-Allen Resolution.

Cops Blamed in East Bay Strike Riots

ALAMEDA—Mrs. Eelyn Perata, defense witness in the trial of five men charged with assault with a deadly weapon, charged last week that Alameda police were entirely responsible for trouble at the local plant of the California Packing Corporation.

She said that pickets had been peaceful but that police suddenly began hurling tear gas bombs, precipitating the fighting that lead to the arrests.

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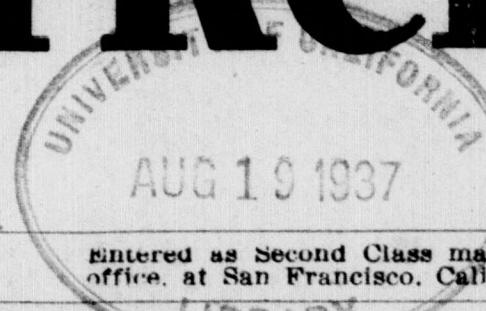
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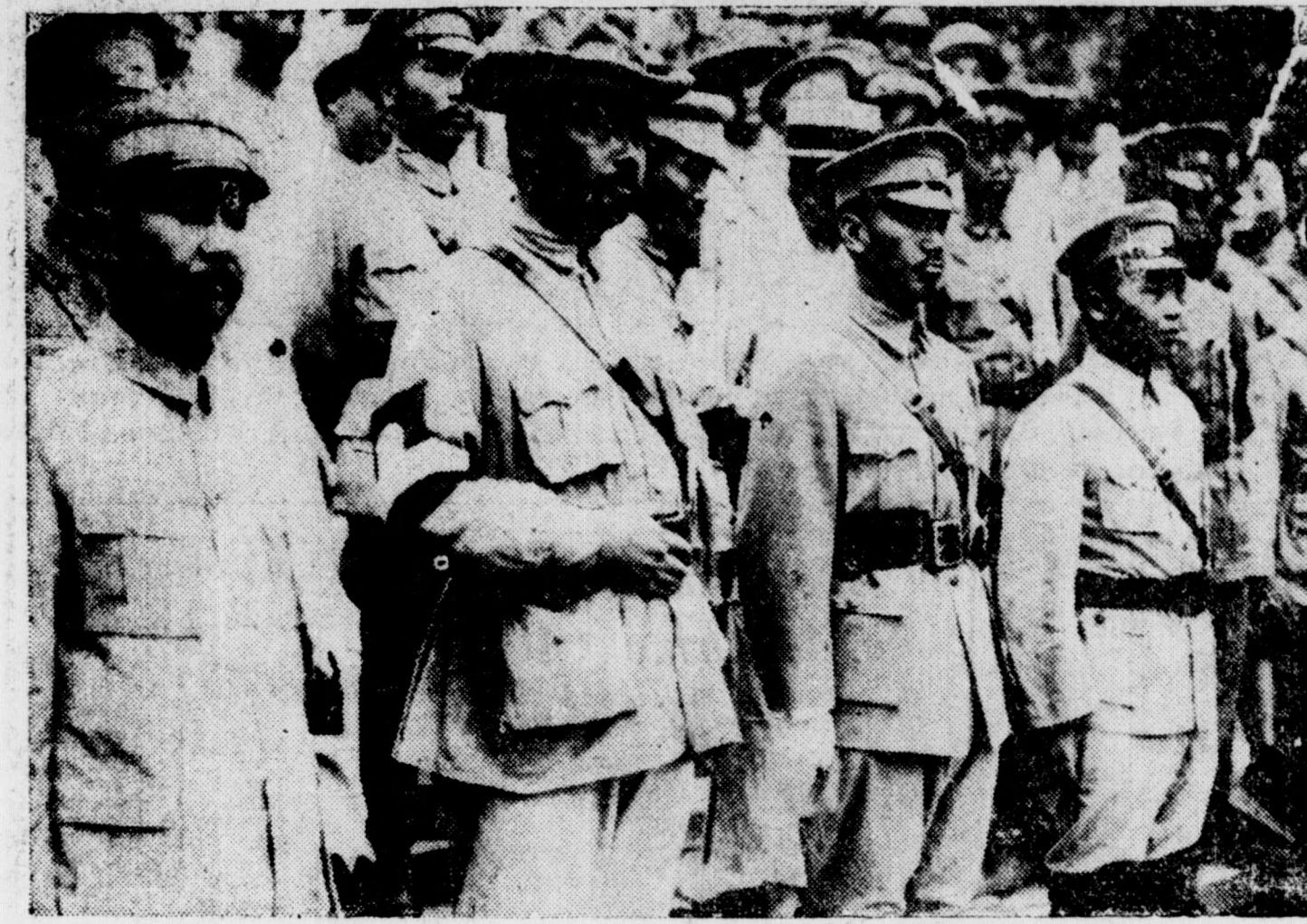
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Leading the Chinese Defense Against Japan's Aggression



CHINA'S LEADERS at a meeting in Lu-shan. Left to right: Generals Yeng Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and General Li Tsung-jen.

Carnage High As Tokio War Lords Spread Conflict

American and British Residents Told to Evacuate: Japan Uses Base in International Settlement for War

SHANGHAI—Thousands of non-combatants, including not only Chinese, but American and French residents of the International Settlement, have perished here under a rain of bombs brought about by the deliberate assault of the Japanese militarists against this principal city of China.

* From a fleet of warships anchored in the Whangpoo River, from squadrons of airplanes taking off from airfield carriers and from troops landed off Japanese transports the assault on Shanghai rapidly involved the nationals of England, the United States and France.

The carnage only intensified the Chinese military defense of the city. Chinese troops poured

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Industrial Council Seeks United Labor Day Parade in L. A.

CIO CHARGES INTIMIDATION BY NORTHRUP

Expose Anti-Union Lies of L. A. Aircraft Co. About "Sabotage" in Plant

LOS ANGELES—Charges by John Northrop, president of the Northrop Aircraft Co. of "sabotage" of Army pursuit planes were branded last Thursday, August 12, by Committee for Industrial Organization officials as a "direct attempt to intimidate and coerce the workers" in pending elections.

Northrop had declared in a letter addressed to the union, copies of which had been given to the press, that "I feel there has been deliberate sabotage, which has no effect except to injure innocent persons."

Replying to the charges, Dick Coleman, West Coast representative of the United Automobile Workers' Union, Charles R. Rodgers and Charles F. West, International representatives of the union, declared in a letter to Northrop:

CIO Charges Intimidation

"It has been brought to our attention by a copy of a letter sent to local union 229, and also by a vicious article in the Los Angeles Times of August 12, that there are known cases of sabotage in your planes built here for the United States Army, viz., the finding of three pieces of rag in the gas lines of three different ships."

"In view of the fact that we have been informed by workers who work on these operations that it would be impossible for such to happen in the normal course of work, and also in view of the fact that the National Labor Relations Board has ordered a supervised election to be held at your plant in the very near future, we feel this is a direct attempt to intimidate and coerce the workers."

Well timed as they were, Northrop's accusations were made public following the testimony of Donald Douglas, big power behind the Northrop plant, at the National Labor Relations Board Douglas hearing.

Douglas had presented unsubstantiated charges that during and after the strike of the CIO aircraft workers at his plant, numerous cases of sabotage on Army planes had occurred.

Possibilities that a National Labor Relations Board supervised election that had been planned for next week would be delayed, were seen when Federal Judge Leon Yankwich ordered the NLRB representatives from two CIO unions, and representatives from the stooge Aircraft Workers Union to appear in court Wednesday morning, August 13.

A petition from the Aircraft Workers Union asking that the NLRB be enjoined from holding the election on the ground that 40 per cent of the workers would be excluded from the vote, was the cause for Judge Yankwich's order.

Seek Election On Grand Coulee Dam

GRAND COULEE, Wash.—Workers organized into the Committee for Industrial Organization here on the Grand Coulee Foundation Dam Project, have demanded an employees' collective bargaining election at the dam under National Labor Relations Board auspices, after the contracting M.W.A.K. Co. entered an exclusive "closed shop" agreement with American Federation of Labor unions.

The majority of the workers here are organized into the CIO United Dam Construction Workers' Union. Many CIO workers have been fired in an anti-union drive by the company.

Bridges Raps Green On Strikebreaking

NEW YORK—Harry Bridges, West Coast Director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, told the press here last week that William Green, president of the AFL, made his promise to tolerate rank and file CIO strikes in bad faith.

He told how a strike of CIO cannery workers in San Francisco had been broken by AFL action within two days after Green made his statement.

The AFL on the Coast has developed into a No. 1, grade A strike-breaking outfit," Bridges said.

Democrats Boo Davey

AKRON—The mention of Gov. Martin L. Davey at a Democratic rally here at which Postmaster Gen. James Farley spoke brought an avalanche of boos and catcalls which forced the speaker, Democratic State Chairman Poulin, to stop. Davey used the Nat'l Guard in the steel strike. They signed a letter calling

These Marchers Say World Must Destroy Fascism and End War



SLOGANS DECLARING "Hitler Wants War—Germany Wants Peace" thrilled staid New Yorkers as 20,000 trade unionists, ministers and professional people paraded in the annual peace march of the American League versus War and Fascism. Governor Elmer Benson, Minnesota's Farmer-Laborite governor, led the parade.

SOLIDARITY OF AFL, CIO WINS

Warehousemen Vital in S. F. Dime Store Win

SAN FRANCISCO—Solidarity between Committee for Industrial Organization members and American Federation of Labor members, won a quick victory for nearly 500 dime store workers here last Friday, after only four days of strike action.

Dept. Store Employees Union Local 1100 won preferential hiring in Woolworth and Newberry's 5-10 cent stores, guaranteeing a union shop, and \$20 a week minimum and a 44-hour week.

The next general meeting of the CIO Conference is set for Sunday, August 29.

Ask Unions to Authorize CIO City Council

SAN FRANCISCO—Committee for Industrial Organization unions are being asked to authorize their delegates to the local CIO Conference to vote for establishment of an Industrial Union Council, under decision of last Sunday's conference of over 500 delegates.

Chairman Wm. Dalrymple declared the move was directed for solidarity within the CIO international structure.

Each union is also designating one delegate for an executive committee which will meet here next Saturday.

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SHANGHAI ASSAULT SPREADS NATIONAL CHINESE DEFENSES

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the Whangpoo. The tender passed by the Japanese ships then in the act of raining shells indiscriminately on the native quarters across the river from the International Settlement. Marine reinforcements were landed from U. S. Navy craft and the liner President Hoover, with another company of marines aboard, is en route from Manila to assist in the evacuation.

The agreement between department stores and Local 1100 is to be signed this week, and retroactive back pay is to be distributed to the nearly 5000 workers involved next Saturday.

Order Blocks Raid Of AFL Officials

SAN FRANCISCO—Under a preliminary injunction issued by Superior Judge Robinson here last Monday, international officials of the Cleaners & Dyers House Workers, AFL, are prohibited from taking control of union books or possessions of their former Local 7, now the United Cleaners & Dyers Local Industrial Union 447, CIO.

They are also prohibited from setting up a dual union or otherwise interfering with Local 447. Judge Robinson also restrained Local 447 officers from disposing of funds or property. Teamsters' officials are active in the attempt to disrupt Local 447, which last week won two important strike victories.

CIO Union Wins Boca Dam Strike

BOCA DAM, Nevada County—with a tentative agreement reported reached granting demands to 125 members of the CIO Int'l. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, work resumed last Wednesday on the Boca Dam, a federal reclamation project. The project was struck July 14 when the Condon Construction Co. refused to grant union demands.

S. F. OPEN-SHOPPERS ARE "PLAY ACTING" AGAIN AS LABOR FRIENDS

SAN FRANCISCO—The open-shoppers are "play-acting" here again. This time they're "disguised themselves" as a committee to prevent strikes and lockouts and to "demand" fair wages, reasonable hours and proper working conditions for the working people.

Peeping from behind their friends of labor masks could be seen such open-shoppers as Roger D. Lapham, head of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Line; Banker Mortimer Fleischacker, and other notorious laborbathers.

Yep, the open-shoppers are "play-acting" again. Next week, "East Lynne."

WASH. FIELD UNIONS CIO

Nine AFL Unions Vote for New CIO Int'l. Union

SEATTLE—A new union entered Seattle's growing labor movement with the setting up of Dist. 1 of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America (CIO).

The union was organized following a convention called by the Northwest Council of Cannery, Packinghouse & Agricultural Workers, a federation of nine AFL unions, to hear the report of the Denver convention where the international was set up.

The convention indorsed the action of the Denver convention in affiliating with the CIO and recommended that all locals affiliated with the Northwest Council take like action.

Won Better Conditions

The Northwest Council has negotiated and enforced working agreements in more than 15 canning companies providing higher wages and shorter hours, better conditions, overtime pay, minimum wage scales and union hiring halls.

The Alaska cannery workers went north this year with the best agreement that this much-exploited section of workers has ever had, due to the collective bargaining made available through the council.

The new officers are Jack Moore, president; Ernesto Managao, vice-president; and Harry Olson, secretary-treasurer.

LONG BEACH PICKET BAN DRAWS PROTEST

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Operating Unions' Demands

Demands of two operating brotherhoods for a 20 per cent increase were presented to railroad operators here last Friday by Alvayne Johnston, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen.

They declared the increase necessary because brotherhood members were producing more because railroads are operating more cars, because members have more jobs to perform, because trains are more powerful and heavier to handle, and because the cost of living is rising.

The anti-picketing ordinance was hatched by a group of auto sales agencies who hired an attorney and through secret meetings with city council members, forced the measure through.

Seek Writ Against S. F. Newsies Set Thursday Deadline

SAN FRANCISCO—Thursday, August 19, is the deadline for the San Francisco newspapers to act favorably on demands of the AFL Newsboys Union, it was announced by the union delegate in the Central Labor Council last Friday night.

The union states the publishers have still failed to meet its demands, in six weeks of negotiations, on the questions of preferential hiring, guaranteed minimums of \$16 per week, wholesale rates on papers, etc.

Present average wage of newsboys is \$6 a week, the union states. Typographical Union No. 21 voted last Sunday, 37-36 to send observers to a conference sponsored by the Newsboys Union on Tuesday, August 17, at 111 Ellis St., Newspaper Guild office.

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SENATOR RICH NOT MAN FOR SUPREME CT.

Mooney Committee Fights Possible Appointment Of Labor-Hater

SAN FRANCISCO—Acting on reports that Senator Rich of Maryland was to be appointed to a vacancy on the California Supreme Court, the Bay Area AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings has lodged vehement protest with Governor Merriam against this possible appointment, in a letter by Secretary Herbert Resner.

"Senator Rich's record while in the Senate was a most reactionary one," stated the letter, "and time after time his actions were in favor of special interest groups and contrary to the great masses of our people."

Demand a Progressive

"Any appointment to the Supreme Court of California should be that of a man whose progressive record is in keeping with the tempo of these times when progress and liberalism must be safeguarded at all costs."

"I know that our Committee speaks not only the sentiments of organized labor of the San Francisco Bay area, but this is also the opinion of literally hundreds of thousands of Californians who desire to see on their courts men whose records are consonant with social justice and not those whose every activity has been to feed the forces of reaction."

Building Trades for Shorter Working Day

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Previously adopted by the Building Laborers' Local 591 in their last week's meeting, the resolution defined the need for shortening working hours and increasing pay.

The convention indorsed the action of the Denver convention in affiliating with the CIO and recommended that all locals affiliated with the Northwest Council take like action.

Would Provide Jobs

It further pointed out that such procedure would guarantee the spread of employment to a larger number of union workers, and would be the most effective aid to relieving the unemployment situation.

Although no definite steps for local application of the principle were taken by the Building Trades Council, that body moved to concur in the resolution with the understanding that consideration will be given for its use in various local crafts of the building trades.

Railroad Shopmen Score Sellout

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Seek Writ Against S. F. City Judges

SAN FRANCISCO—All municipal judges were named in a petition for a writ of mandamus to issue warrants for the arrest of Teamsters' Union officials filed last Monday by Jerry Callahan, president of Filling Station Employees Union Local 410, CIO, through Attorney George Anderson.

The warrants are sought against Joseph Casey and Tony Costa, who attacked and severely beat Callahan and another Local 410 official several weeks ago, when the Teamster officials were attempting to raid the membership of Local 410.

Judge Dunn issued a warrant for Casey and Costa's arrest on August 2, then cancelled it.

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Injunctions Are Latest Cal. Open-Shop Move

Organized labor throughout California started bearing down this week to fight a new open-shop move by the employers against the unions—a wave of injunctions directed against striking unions to keep them from picketing.

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ENDORSEMENT OF SALVATION ASSN. GIVEN

Loh Tsei Will Also Speak At Druids Hall Meeting Of American League

SAN FRANCISCO—With the endorsement and support of the Chinese National Salvation Association in San Francisco, Dr. Tao Heng-Chih will speak Friday night, August 20, at Druids Temple, 44 Page Street.

Dr. Tao, leading educator, will tell why a Japanese victory in China would be a threat to world peace and democracy. He speaks as a representative of a group of Chinese leaders who are working in many countries to complete the nationalization of their country.

American League Sponsorship

The meeting Friday night is sponsored by the American League Against War and Fascism. Its endorsement by the National Salvation Association was given Monday morning in a communication from Chairman Fong of the San Francisco branch to Mrs. Thelma Haut, head of the American League in the city.

Another distinguished Chinese on the platform with Dr. Tao will be Miss Loh Tsei, known as "China's Joan of Arc," graduate of the leading institution of higher learning in China and a leader of the youth movement of that country. Both she and Dr. Tao are now on separate world tours in the cause of a nationalized China.

YWCA Leader to Talk

Mrs. Jane Kwong Lee, known throughout California as "The Mother of the Chinese YWCA" of San Francisco will also speak. Not only the important National Salvation Association, but numerous other leaders of San Francisco's Chinatown have cooperated in the arrangements for the meeting.

CIO WILL SUPPORT ORGANIZING DRIVE OF TELEGRAPHISTS

NEW YORK—A warning from CIO Chairman John L. Lewis to thousands of telegraphers and other communications workers that only by organizing can they save their jobs from the rapidly increasing use of labor-saving devices was read by CIO Director John Brophy at the closing session of the American Communications Assn. The ACA is the new name adopted by the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. convention.

Lewis' pledge of full CIO support to the ACA's drive to organize the 250,000 communications workers was received with loud applause by the 4,000 who filled New York's Hippodrome to hear his message and speeches from a long list of prominent trade union leaders.

Present on the platform in addition to Brophy were Pres. Mervyn Rathbone of the ACA, Pres. James B. Carey of the United Electrical & Radio Workers, Pres. Michael Quill of the Transport Workers Union, Pres. Heywood Brown of the American Newspaper Guild, CIO Pacific Coast Director Harry Bridges, Natl. Maritime Union leader Joseph Curran, Pres. Lewis Merrill of the United Office & Professional Workers Union, CIO Publicity Director Len De Caux, Rev. Charles O. Rice and Rev. Carl Hensler of the Catholic Radical Alliance, and others.

L. A. Supervisor On 'Unfair List'

LOS ANGELES—Products of Roger K. Jessup, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and wealthy dairy owner, were put on the unfair list of the CIO Industrial Council here, where workers now striking his Van Nuys plant complained he had displayed the grossest unfairness in his dealings with them.

The workers stated Jessup's milk and other dairy products were sold by Safeway stores under the trade name of "Lucerne."

Demands are to be made on city health officials to investigate unsanitary conditions said to exist at Jessup's dairy.

IWO MOVES OFFICE

LOS ANGELES—The District Committee of the International Workers Order has moved into new headquarters in the San Fernando Building, Rm. 427. The City Committee of the Jewish Section will be at the Morning Freiheit office.

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Mexican Railroad To Be Taken Over By Its Employees

MEXICO CITY—A small local railroad line, running from the city of Toluca to Tenango and San Juan in Mexico has been ordered confiscated and turned over to its workers under orders of President Cardenas under terms of the expropriation law.

The refusal of the operating company to sign a collective contract with its workers and to pay some three hundred thousand pesos of back wages induced the Ministry of Communications to order the legal proceedings to end which will hand the line over to a workers' cooperative have been completed.

VICTORY WON BY NEGROES

Smith Market, L. A. Gives In to Picket Line

LOS ANGELES—Giving way before mass protest organized by the Communist Party, the E. F. Smith Public Market at 43 Place and Central Avenue Saturday agreed to hire 50 per cent of Negro employees in the future.

Agreement came after three hours of mass picketing Saturday against the store which had assumed a leading role in discrimination against Negro employees.

Fired 10

The demonstration Saturday was voted by a mass meeting held in the open air adjoining the market. In the discriminatory firing of 10 Negro workers by the Smith Market, despite the fact that the vast majority of the market's business is with the Negro people.

"The agreement of the market to employ Negro workers in the future is a decided victory for the Negro people and for the Communist Party," declared County C. P. Organizer Paul Cline, "but it only begins to attack the problems of economic discrimination against Negroes."

Only An Example

"On the south side there are numerous establishments doing business almost solely with the Negro people, yet they refuse to hire Negroes and will continue to do so as long as there is no organized protest against it."

"Our party will continue to lead in this work." The Smith Market is only a notable example of discrimination and the victory there is only an idea of what can be accomplished by organized action.

L. A. Cops Seab On Garage Union

LOS ANGELES—Protests against police department members competing with union employees of the Police Garage were made Tuesday, August 10, to the Civil Service Commission by the Intl. Assn. of Mechanics.

In a communication to the commission, the union charged a police captain, a sergeant, and 12 other policemen are working in classes of work for which they have not been certified by the commission, while 13 automobile machinists and 11 utility men, union members are working as non-pension employees not under civil service ratings.

AUTOMATS STRUCK

NEW YORK—Thousands of people jammed Broadway's sidewalks and cheered as 2,000 members of three AFL unions and one CIO union picketed the 44 Horn & Hardart food Automats, in the first effective strike against the open shop Automats.

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Mexican Labor Is Reunited

MEXICO CITY—After a separation of three months, following the split which occurred at the Fourth National Council last April, the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers) has been reunited at its Fifth National Council here. All unions and regional confederations, with the exception of the Federal District's Union of Electrical Workers, returned to the central body.

The re-uniting of the trade union movement of Mexico follows closely after the enlarged meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Mexico, where the Party publicly stated to the Mexican people that it was in error in taking part in the split, regardless of criticism that might have been made of some of the decisions of the Fourth Council.

Firmly Reestablished

A summary of the situation, issued by the Mexican Labor News under the direction of Vincente Lombardo Toledano, head of the CTM, said in part: "Except for the continued defection of the electrical workers, the former unity of the CTM has thus been fully re-established. It is expected that the strong miners' union, with 70,000 members, will also soon

DRIVE FOR PAROLE OF ORGANIZER

20 East Bay Unions Join Demand for Freedom Of Faustino Ortiz

OAKLAND—Indignant over the frameup of Faustino Ortiz, Hayward cannery union organizer, East Bay labor and progressive organizations have rallied around the Ortiz Defense Committee in a drive to have him paroled.

Charles Drashin, chairman of the defense committee, announced that 20 more unions had affiliated with the committee at its last meeting Friday, August 13, with additional affiliations expected.

The CIO industrial council at its August 9th meeting, moved to petition the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for the release of Ortiz and requested affiliated unions to do likewise.

The People's Legislative Conference has taken similar action.

Urge Parole Now

Individuals and organizations interested in combatting police terrorism, are urged by the committee to write or phone the members of the Parole Commission at the Alameda County Court House demanding parole of Faustino Ortiz.

Members of the commission are District Attorney Earl Warren, Sheriff M. B. Driver and Oakland Police Chief B. Wallman.

Ortiz was convicted of assault and battery on perjured testimony after being seized and severely beaten by sheriff's deputies several weeks ago.

Land in Yucatan to Be Re-Distributed

MEXICO CITY—Land distribution and the formation of cooperative farms are to be the order of the day in the state of Yucatan promised President Lazaro Cardenas in a speech delivered in Merida, capital of the state.

Closely paralleling last autumn's reform in the Laguna cotton district, the move will benefit enormously peasant cultivators of sisal fiber who are notoriously among the worst nourished and most exploited of Mexico. Necessary funds will be made available through the Bank of Ejidal Credit.

Dave Beck Sued For 2 Millions

TACOMA, Wash.—The California Brewers Institute, employers' organization, filed suit here for \$2,000,000 damages against Washington state locals of the Teamsters Union and its international representative Dave Beck, charging the defendants with obstructing free flow of beer into Washington and with violation of the Sherman antitrust laws.

The suit resulted from the Teamster officials' attempt to raid the membership of the Intl. Brewery Workers Union, in which they have refused to transport any beer made by members of the Brewery Workers Union.

ASK PALESTINE ASSURANCE

WASHINGTON—The United States has demanded assurance from England that nationals of this country and their rights in Palestine will be protected, Secrectary Hull announced here.

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Deserters and Prisoners Taken by Loyalist Fighters



CAPTURED REBELS HELD for questioning at the Madrid War Office. During recent weeks the numbers of rebel soldiers allowing themselves to be captured has grown tremendously. Most of them later join the Loyalist forces.

PICKET JAPAN CONSULATES

L. A. S. F. Demonstrators For 'Hands Off China'

LOS ANGELES—Two hundred pickets, wearing badges proclaiming "Hands off China," marched and counter-marched from the Japanese consulate Saturday.

Studiously avoiding the issue, the Japanese consul locked up his office long before the accustomed closing hour, in order to avoid meeting the delegation from the picketers scheduled to deliver a resolution of protest.

The Red Squad of the L. A. police department, familiar provocateurs on all picket lines of labor, was on hand throughout the demonstration, which was witnessed by thousands of passers-by during the hour between 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

Chinese in San Francisco Respond to C. P. Slogans

SAN FRANCISCO—Chinatown here was the scene of two parades which preceded the demonstrative picketing of the Japanese Consulate here Saturday.

A delegation representing the Communist Party marched through the heart of the Chinese community, wearing banners with "Hands off China" slogans printed in Chinese and English. Despite harassing by the Red Squad, they picketed the Japanese Consulate at 22 Battery Street. A delegation headed by State C. P. Chairman Anita Whitney presented a protest resolution with the consul.

Saturday evening, following a state conference of YCL Builders, a delegation of 50 YCL members paraded along Grant Avenue, shouting slogans against the Japanese invaders. Chinese passersby took up the line of march.

L. A. House Movers Win New Contracts

LOS ANGELES—Eight days of picketing the G. T. Bell and Sunset Housemoving Companies, have resulted in signed agreements for the House Movers' Local 923.

According to Lester King, business agent, the union now has 26 signed contracts in Los Angeles and vicinity. All have been secured in the last three months.

Calif. Milling Co. Pays Workers on Strike

LOS ANGELES—One hundred workers of the California Milling Corporation, members of the AFL Flour, Feed and Cereal District Council and C. H. Jordan of the CIO Industrial Council.

Los Angeles—

The city council here told a delegation from the Federation Against the High Cost of Living who presented facts on rent increases and drastic housing shortage, that rentals were out of their jurisdiction.

Councilman Hyde flatly told people who could not cope with rentals here to go elsewhere. They should find other places of residence where they can support their families, he said.

The Federation presented a petition asking the council to act in the interests of the thousands of tenants of Los Angeles by seeing that the state and municipal health and housing acts were enforced, by setting up a committee to investigate high rentals, by acting to speed up low cost housing projects and by stopping evictions resulting from non-payments of unrented rent increases.

At the Monday mass meeting at Metropolitan High School, speakers for the Federation's program heard the housing problem discussed by Supervisors John Anson Ford, Gordon McDonough, Walter Alley of the Municipal Housing Commission, Hugh Campbell of the Painters' District Council and C. H. Jordan of the CIO Industrial Council.

Los Angeles—

Republic Steel Corp. police used high-powered rifles to shoot at Steel Workers Organizing Committee pickets in Canton during the current steel strike, charged a union witness in testifying before a National Labor Relations Board hearing of Wagner Act charges against Republic.

Martin L. Beckner, vice-president of a CIO steel union lodge, told of the police shooting within the company gates at the pickets.

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MINE WORKERS' CONVENTION ASKS LIFTING OF EMBARGO AGAINST SPANISH REPUBLIC

Vandeleur Condemned for Company Union Activities; Delegates Pledge Full Support to Workers' Alliance

DENVER, Colo.—Mine, Mill and Smelter Union delegates to the 34th annual convention of the organization voted unanimously last week to urge President Roosevelt to lift the embargo against the Spanish Republic. The resolution also condemned fascism as an "ugly octopus aiming to strangle all liberties and democratic rights."

More than 100 delegates attended the convention. The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, one of the original ten of the Committee for Industrial Organization, has increased its membership from 17,000 to 45,000 since the first of the year, President Reid Robinson said.

The convention pledged full support to the Workers' Alliance in its struggle to save WPA.

Frank Heffley, district president of the United Mine Workers and president of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, announced that Colorado labor is strongly behind the CIO. Heffley reversed his former anti-Communist stand and announced that workers of all political beliefs are welcome in the CIO.

Edward Vandeleur, head of the California State Federation of Labor, was strongly condemned for his attempts to set up company unions, the Mother Lode section of California.

Barney Doran of the Southern California Tunnel Workers' Union, was nominated to oppose Reid Robinson for international president of the union. Officers are to be elected by referendum vote of the entire membership.

Said Nylander: "I went to the plant and found a group of men who seemed to be greatly confused. But I failed to see anything of a dangerous nature, and I saw no weapons in the hands of the strikers, and I saw no so-called fire trails, or other evidence of sabotage or violence."

Calif. C. P. Greets Victory in Mexico

SAN FRANCISCO—Congratulations from the Communist Party of California to the Communist Party of Lower California!

Such was the message sent by William Schneiderman, California State Secretary,

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Socialists of New York Expel the Saboteurs

THE SOCIALIST PARTY has begun its self-cleansing without which it could not expect to curb its terrific decline in membership and loss of prestige.

The decision of the New York City Central Committee to expel 54 Trotskyites, along with indications that more are soon to be tried, is only recognition of a fact that has been proved conclusively, again and again.

Trotskyism is deliberate counter-revolution. Its disguise has worn threadbare. Without exception it has disrupted and disorganized and disintegrated every organization where it has obtained a foothold.

From its own bitter experience the Communist Party warned that this would happen.

The name and prestige of the S. P. have been dragged into the slime by the Trotskyites' sabotage of the Spanish People's fight against fascism. It has been brought to the detriment of the notorious POUM in Spain, whose leaders work directly with Franco and whose counter-revolutionary terrorist actions have resulted in its banishment by the Spanish people. It has been used to cover the Trotskyites' rabid red baiting attacks on the Communist Party and on every progressive trend.

The name and traditions of the S. P. have been smeared by being used for the vilest attacks against the militant and progressive leaders of the trade unions, of which the diaconies of James Cannon and other California Trotskyites against Harry Bridges during the maritime strike are classic examples.

The Trotskyites deliberately, in caucus, resolved and worked to sabotage the S. P. resolution to aid Spain. This along with their efforts to prevent passage of the resolution in the first place.

Trotskyism is counter revolution. In Spain it works with Franco and its "revolutionary" phrases do not hide the fact that it promoted armed attack against the government fighting fascism. In the Soviet Union, repudiated by the masses, it deliberately conspired with German fascism to plot and carry out murder and sabotage and attempted to betray the Socialist fatherland to its worst enemies in Nazi Germany.

Socialists can rebuild their party. They can make it a tremendous aid to the development of the People's Front in America. They can use it to build the trade unions on a militant foundation. But they cannot do this without driving the Trotskyites and the counter-revolutionary Trotskyist program out of the party, bag and baggage.

James Cannon defended the Trotskyites in New York and was saved from expulsion himself only because he belongs to the California Party.

California Socialists! Take control of your own party. Take it out of the hands of the counter-revolutionaries who have driven most of its sincere members into inactivity and used its name in the service of the worst enemies of the working class and the people of California.

Copeland Attacks the Union Hiring Hall

SENATOR ROYAL S. COPELAND, author of the Copeland Bill with its fink book provisions, now is going to ask Congress to abolish hiring halls for seamen. This means poverty and misery for the men on the San Francisco Embarcadero, on the wharves of San Pedro and Portland and Seattle.

Copeland writes for William R. Hearst. He is an employers' stooge, heart and soul in accord with the shipowners in their hatred of unions. He proposes government hiring-halls, a step toward fascism.

Copeland is wise enough to see that if he can bring about an end to the hiring hall system, he will have accomplished a major step in his campaign to smash the maritime unions. For the hiring hall is the backbone of the union on the waterfront.

But every seaman knows this too. No seaman wants to go back to the days of the fink hall with its degradation, its graft, its blacklisting.

It is entirely possible for Copeland to have his way with Congress. This is a matter which cannot be taken too seriously by the seamen. And if the seamen lose the hiring hall it is a foregone conclusion Copeland, or some other of his kind, will move in on the longshoremen and attempt to abolish their hiring halls.

An organized campaign to block Copeland should be initiated at once. Thousands of protests must go to Washington. Pressure must be brought to bear upon every Congressman to vote against any proposal by

Copeland to abolish the hiring halls. The fink book was licked in just this manner.

This is the way to put the quietus on Copeland and his latest anti-union maneuver.

The Voice of Progress Booms From Akron and Canton

BY AN overwhelming vote, Labor's Non-Partisan League candidates won the Democratic primary elections in Akron and Canton, Ohio!

A tremendous victory! Not only is it a victory in Ohio, but clear proof to labor and the progressive forces of the nation that a rapid new political alignment is taking place.

In Akron and Canton labor used the Democratic primaries to strike an effective blow against reaction.

Old party labels are losing their old meanings.

Akron and Canton have not thus stepped out to the center of national attention by accident. Both had reactionary city administrations. Both were centers of the mass organization drive in which the CIO was the main force. In both these centers, labor had become highly organized only to face the brutality of police terror aided and abetted and sponsored by reactionary city administrations.

Labor and progressive forces drew the obvious logical conclusion, as they must and will draw this conclusion on a national scale.

Significantly, the badly defeated reactionary Democrat in Akron declared that a new political party has been born and indicated that he would support the incumbent Republican. Reaction is unifying, rapidly, in Akron and in California and throughout the nation. Labor and progressives must not only unify their forces in self-defense, but take the counter-offensive!

Akron and Canton showed that CIO and AFL unions can act together. They are an example for California to follow.

The Tories Must Be Stopped

THE TORIES are riding again in Washington.

Reaction scored heavily in the realm of national politics last week when—

1. Led by Senators Harrison (D., Miss.), Borah (R., Idaho), and Barkley (D., Ky.), spokesmen for the South's rulers shelved the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill until the next session of Congress.

2. A coalition of Republicans and reactionary Southern Democrats under the leadership of Bankhead of Alabama locked the Black-Connery wage and hour bill in committee, preparatory to side-tracking consideration of the measure in this session of Congress.

3. Rallying around Virginia's Carter Glass, Vermont's Warren Austin, and Hiram Johnson of California, Senate reactionaries prepared to block confirmation of the President's appointment of Senator Hugo L. Black to the Supreme Court.

Beneath these three attacks on progressive measures moves the powerful hand of Wall Street, the Liberty League, the industrial barons and monopolists.

Encouraged by the vacillating, middle-of-the-road policies of the Roosevelt administration, the Tories defy the mandate given by the people in the 1936 elections—the mandate for democracy, prosperity, and peace.

They must be stopped.

Roosevelt must be pressed by the people to take a firm hand and carry through the mandate of the people. The people must mobilize their forces behind the vanguard of progressives, the CIO and the liberal movements throughout the nation to arrest this attack on their liberties.

Demand now by letter and wire that your representatives act to confirm Black's nomination and to pass the wage-hour bill.

Japanese Imperialism Unleashes the Mad Dog of War

MADNESS MARCHES to destroy the Chinese people. The insanity of the profit-mad rulers of Japan is sending millions of Japanese youths to plunder and kill the peasants and workers of China.

Last week it moved into Shanghai, hidden behind the cover of the International Settlements, waited to begin a mass attack on the peaceful population. It steamed into the Shanghai harbor with scores of formidable battleships, prepared to hurl tons of death and destruction on the defenseless city.

It breaks every covenant previously signed with other nations to guarantee the peace of the Far East—the nine-power pact, the Kellogg-Briand peace pact.

It threatens the lives of all who stand in its way—Chinese, British, Americans.

Stop the "mad dog" of Japanese imperialism. Stop the shipment of war materials to Japan! Demand an embargo against Japan!

Now is the time, if ever, when the American people, bound by common ties of fighting for independence and freedom from a foreign yoke, with the millions of Chinese peasants and workers, must throw their weight behind the struggle against the Japanese aim of world empire.

Throughout California especially, with its large Chinese and Japanese population, the American people can mobilize a mighty protest against the invasion of China. The masses of the Japanese people are opposed to it. The Chinese people are making great sacrifices to stop it.

Let California's voice lead the nation's in commanding Japan's war-dogs to stop.

FIVE MILLION AMERICAN FARM FAMILIES LIVE IN ONE-ROOM "HOMES"



STRUGGLES IN BRAZIL

By C. L.

With the suspension of the "State of War," the acquittal of Federal Senator Abel Chermont and the freeing of 700 political prisoners, fascism in Brazil suffered a severe blow and democracy scored a signal victory.

The release of these political prisoners is a heartening tribute to the united force of world public opinion. But the battle is not over. The defenders of democracy must consolidate their gains and press forward with their demands for complete restoration of civil rights in Brazil and the unconditional release of Luis Carlos Prestes, president of the National Liberation Alliance, Pedro Ernesto, Mayor of Rio de Janeiro and all anti-fascist political prisoners.

Outlaws People's Front

For almost two years, terror ruled Brazil. It began with the decree of the "Monstrous Law" the outlawing of the National Liberation Alliance, the Brazilian People's Front. It culminated in the suppression of the November, 1935 movement for national liberation which was followed by a terror more widespread and more brutal than any in the history of Brazil.

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Vargas is Own Nominee

Since the question of the presidential election campaign was first raised, Vargas tried to maneuver the nomination of a number of candidates including that of his friend and supporter, Oswald Aranha, at present the Brazilian ambassador at Washington. But in reality, Vargas' real candidate for the presidency was himself. To be able to carry this out, it was necessary for him not only to suppress the supporters of democracy, but even those among his followers who would not agree to violate the Constitution by continuing Vargas in power.

The terror was intensified. Into the States of Matto Grosso and Maranhao, Vargas sent his personal appointees with absolute power to rule over the states and over the constitutionally elected governors.

Vargas has intervened even in the heart of the country in the capital and federal district of Rio de Janeiro, revoking its autonomy, throwing its Mayor, Pedro Ernesto in jail, and appointing one of his henchmen dictator of Rio de Janeiro. Armed intervention was decreed in the State of Rio Grande do Sul whose governor opposed fascism and Vargas.

Tries Fascist Coup

All these decrees were but preliminary steps in preparation for a fascist coup which Vargas was planning through instigating in the various States armed insurrection which Vargas would crush with the help of the fascist integralistas and of Germany and Italy, particularly, the former of whom had initiated and fostered the plan. But the provocation in the State of Rio Grande do Sul failed. The Vargas-Hitler plot was foiled.

Vargas tried again. This time he threw himself against the Governor of Pernambuco who had also opposed Vargas' remaining in the presidency. The

Vargas government then demanded the arrest of Lima Cavalcanti, the governor of Pernambuco accusing him of lending aid to the November 1930 uprising.

Lima Cavalcanti was summoned before the illegal Special Tribunals. His crime? That of having many years ago nominated two prominent figures of Pernambuco, men, who it was rumored, were interested in the study of Marxism! With this "crime" Lima Cavalcanti had never been charged. It is only now, many years after, when he had expressed the opinion that in accordance with the Brazilian constitution, another president should be chosen, that Cavalcanti's "crime" was discovered.

Discontent Grows

These attempts on the part of the Vargas government to provoke the States to open revolt increased popular discontent with the Vargas regime and the terror and persecution it had perpetrated. The dissatisfaction existing among different political groups and coalitions in the various states, was intensified.

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Mobilizes Military

That atmosphere of reaction, terror and confusion, Vargas thought it best to precipitate a coup d'état. With that purpose in view, he made military arrangements, and address himself to the Governor of the State of Minas Geraes, Benedicto Valladares, asking him to send to Rio Grande reinforcements of police, which he said were necessary to "face the events" which were then approaching.

The Governor of Minas Geraes, a staunch supporter of Vargas and the "coordinator" charged with the task of choosing the new candidate for the presidency, became frightened with Vargas' request for armed forces. He learned of the armed movement which the government was organizing. He realized that the coup was aimed not against communism alone, as Vargas alleged, but that under this cloak democracy would definitely be suppressed, and that nobody, not even Vargas' best friends, would henceforth be permitted to raise any questions about Vargas' policies.

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Struggle Not Ended

The national deputies have decided not to permit the continuation of the state of war and they have brought that decision to the knowledge of the Minister of Justice. However, Vargas pushed forward the demand that the Special Tribunal be proclaimed a permanent legal body of the government, in order to continue carrying out the trials of hundreds of political prisoners. With the Special Tribunal and the enforcement of the "monstrous law," he intends to continue the reign of terror and reaction in Brazil, and stand in the way of democratic progress.

Censorship of the press has been suspended... but newspaper editors are "advised" to publish only such things as are favorable to the government.

The latest events in Brazil, the victories achieved against reaction, show the value of the united efforts in Brazil as well as in other countries to defend democracy. It shows clearly what the pressure of American public opinion can do when directed against fascism. The struggle has not ended. On the contrary, it continues and will become keener from day to day. The reactionaries and fascists are at work. They can and must be defeated. And this task belongs not only to the Brazilian people, but to the people of the United States as well.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

A House Divided

THE Contradictions which are tearing the Socialist Party apart, and which have already reduced its national membership to about 5,000 members, are revealed by the contradictions which appear on the editorial page of the latest issue of the "Socialist Call." In one column, Norman Thomas reluctantly admits the important role played by the American Labor Party in New York, and the CIO nationally, in developing the movement for independent political action. But the leading editorial, entitled "Labor Party in Danger," raves and rant to the effect that "the reformists—the Communists, the AFL and Labor Non-Partisan League leadership, are placing the formation of a real Labor Party in jeopardy."

Thus we see again the Socialist Party taking one step forward and two steps backward, under the influence of the Trotskyite disruptors who are wrecking the party. The editors of the "Socialist Call" strongly under influence of Trotskyites and near-Trotskyites, attack the Farmer-Labor Party and the People's Front as "a third capitalist party." They write: "The revolutionary answer is to launch an aggressive struggle for Socialism."

This kind of ultra-revolutionary phrase-mongering was brilliantly exposed by Comrade Earl Browder in his report to the Central Committee of the C. P. in June, when he answered Norman Thomas' confused arguments against the People's Front and summed up as follows: "The defeat of fascism is the first precondition for the victory of socialism. Norman Thomas and those who think like him would reverse this formulation; they would say that the victory of socialism is the first precondition for the defeat of fascism."

But there is hope that all honest Socialists will yet find the road to the united front, by first driving the Trotskyites out of their ranks. Reports from New York say that 52 Trotskyites were expelled from the Socialist Party for their wrecking activity. The time will come when the whole Socialist Party will cleanse itself of their poisonous influence, and take its place in the united anti-fascist front of the labor and progressive forces of America.

Are the Seamen for the CIO?

A SHORT TIME ago the capitalist press, particularly the Hearst press, carried sensational headlines that the West Coast sailors and firemen had repudiated the CIO. They covered up the fact that referendum votes had carried about 10 to 1 for CIO affiliation in both unions, but the officials succeeded in disqualifying and destroying the ballots.

Last Thursday, the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, the largest of the three unlicensed seagoing crafts on the Pacific Coast, voted 7 to 1 for CIO affiliation and 15 to 1 for a national unity conference to set up a national seamen's union. The capitalist press suppressed the news, or hid it away in a corner.

The rank and file, profiting from the experience of the sailors and firemen, were on the alert and blocked any moves by reactionary anti-CIO elements to throw out the ballot or prevent its being counted. Seven of the nine maritime groups on the Pacific Coast are now committed to CIO affiliation and to a national unity conference. A national seamen's

Broad Fight for Douglas Aircraft "21" Is Necessary

GLENDALE "PRESS BUILDER" TELLS OF VITAL NEED FOR A DAILY WESTERN WORKER

Daily "Western" Will Be Force for a Farmer-Labor Party; Urges All Forces Get In W. W. Drive

By WM. E. SHERWOOD

GLENDALE, Los Angeles County.—We have just emerged from a very successful sub drive for the Western Worker, and are again entering another drive to make the Western Worker a daily by January 1, 1938. Such paper, when launched, will accelerate the growth of the progressive labor and political movement, and add such tremendous impetus to the building of an American People's Front, the importance of which can hardly be measured.

URGES BROADER FIGHT TO FREE DOUGLAS "21"

Need Unity Against Frame-Up on Aircraft Unionists

SANTA MONICA — Getting pushed around seems to be the steady diet for the "Douglas 21," who are again waiting for the retrial. The Merchants & Manufacturers Assn., has no depths to which they will not stoop in their efforts to break the morale of the fellows who are taking it on the chin for breaking the ice for the CIO in Southern California. Delay after delay, job after job, disappointment after disappointment, is the "21's" daily fare.

To Expose Reaction

The Daily Western Worker must be bold in its political exposure of the reactionary forces working within our state and nation. We are now in a position to set up a tribune that will carry out that task. That tribune must be the Daily Western Worker. The role of such a paper should not be confined solely to the spreading of ideas, to political education. Such a paper should not become merely a collective propagandist and collective agitator. It should also become a collective organizer.

To Develop Unity

With the aid of, and around such a paper, will automatically develop the unity of all liberal, progressive and radical forces, both economic and political, that will be concerned in building an American People's Front, concerning themselves not only with local issues, but with national and international issues. Such a paper will teach its readers to watch political events, state, national and international, to estimate their importance and their influence on the various sections of the population, and to work out suitable methods to use these events toward building a People's Front.

Everyone a W. W. Builder

It is common sense to believe that these "21" will so easily be forgiven for opening the breach which is rapidly growing wider and is allowing unionism to flow in and the open shop out? The M&W will not rest until every effort has been exhausted to make an example of the "21" who so fearlessly took part in an effort to raise the living standard of the lowest paid technical trade in the U.S.

The trial delay is not an effort to get the masses of people to forget the strike and last trial, so as to dismiss the case and gracefully get out from under it, but to lull the interest of the people so there will be no fuss raised when another gob of money is taken from the taxpayers to persecute (not prosecute) the "21" further.

Support the "21"

It is foolishly to underestimate the viciousness of those who want to see the "21" punished. This week should be the starting point of a general mass movement for the investigation of the cost of the last trial, and the future one, to be made public.

Only when the public becomes aware of the money that is being used in an attempt to convict innocent workers, and demands a dismissal, will the D.A. take heed.

Dockmen to Receive Retroactive Pay

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States War Department has reported favorably on a bill introduced by Congressman Frank Havenner of San Francisco that will authorize the quartermaster general to pay San Francisco longshoremen retroactive wages due them since the time of the 1934 strike.

Shipowners already have paid stevedores their retroactive wage but the government claimed it could not do so. Payments totaling \$3,853,08 will be made to 458 longshoremen if the measure is passed by Congress.

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A Mass Picket Line—Broadway Style, New York



AUTOMATS ON STRIKE. Workers in a chain of 44 automats in New York are on strike in a united CIO-AFL fight for higher wages, shorter hours, improved working conditions and union recognition. Three American Federation of Labor unions and one Committee for Industrial Organization union are jointly leading the strike. Photo shows pickets in front of the Horn & Hardart Automat on Broadway near Times Square.

TWO STRIKES WON BY S. F. CLEANERS, NEW CIO AFFILIATE

Attempts to Set Up a Dual AFL Union Flopped

By a Cleaner

SAN FRANCISCO.—Thursday, August 12, the two cleaning plants, namely the Del Monte Cleaners located at Broadway near Polk St. in S. F. and the Sterling Cleaners located in Burlingame, signed contracts with the Cleaners.

AFL Dual Union Flops

The contracts were signed with the CIO United Cleaners & Dryers Local Industrial Union No. 447.

This was accomplished in spite of the fact that Chester Vienot, who has been very active in trying to set up a dual American Federation of Labor local, called upon many of the strikers and tried to get them to go back to work and told them they would lose their jobs otherwise.

Big Gains

In the past the workers in the cleaning industry have worked by the week, not by the day.

Also all work performed before 6 a.m. and after 7 p.m. shall be considered overtime. All overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and a half. All hiring is to be done through the union office.

Casey Voted Down

These accomplishments are especially important because of all the sabotage tried by Joe Casey, who ordered the cleaning drivers, who belong to the Teamsters Union, to go through the picket lines.

The drivers voted overwhelmingly against Casey's strikebreaking program.

MOST SPECTATORS CHEERED MARCH OF JOBLESS FOR JOBS IN LOS ANGELES

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES—I saw the march of the unemployed workers here to the Chamber of Commerce on July 26. They were a courageous lot. I observed the bystanders, and noted that the majority understood and were sympathetic.

I saw clerks and shopkeepers peer out of windows and fill doorways. Some cheered—some gazed thoughtfully.

Workers Cheered Parade

A group of mechanics stood in front of a garage, and with tools in hand, gesticulated and shouted encouragingly. The marchers laughed and shouted back. "Come and march with us." That called for more laughter and more cheers.

And on they marched—2000 strong. With amazing efficiency they stopped to allow traffic to pass, and yet held their ranks.

I heard a man say: "More power to them. They've got guts."

I have never seen the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of California carried as proudly as by these workers. It was done magnificently, and with conscious pride.

Idea From Texas For Daily W. W.

By a Worker Correspondent

AMARILLO, Texas—I am sending you a suggestion for improving your paper, for which I hope you may find a good use. Couldn't you make a successive group of amusing or comical cartoons carrying a fundamental thought on one of your likely subjects in the manner of a comic strip? Although I don't know exactly how my idea may be carried out, I am sure it could be.

HOLLYWOOD TAILOR SEES SOVIET UNION

Praises Triumph of Socialism; Urges All to Take Trip

By a Journeyman Tailor

HOLLYWOOD—I have just returned from the Soviet Union and I want to share my impressions with the readers of the Western Worker because it is my paper too.

Knowing old Russia and its conditions, I expected to see improvements but I didn't think they could accomplish so much in so short a time.

A Real Welcome

First of all I was very much impressed with the beautiful gate at the Soviet border. Coming from Finland, as the train nears the Soviet border, we see a great gate with the powerful words "Workers of the world, unite!"

These words make you feel that you are welcome.

I have been in many factories, was introduced to many Stakhanovites and saw the conditions under which the workers live, and what is given them during and after work.

They have classes, beautiful dining rooms, large meeting rooms, five stages for their own performances, clinics, kindergartens and nurses. They get vacations with pay, work seven hours per day with rest periods twice a day, in addition to lunch period.

What Soviet Workers Have

I visited food stores and found here no difference between them and the American stores. They are all filled with food of great variety. I visited many clothing stores and found the demand is so great there is no overproduction.

I visited many other institutions and all were a great surprise to me. I am very happy. I went to see the Soviet Union and I advise anyone who can afford it to take the trip. I am a member of the Journeyman Tailors' Union.

Alaska Packers Trim Overtime

By an Alaska Canner
EGEGIK, Alaska—The Alaska Packers' Assn. is doing everything possible to eliminate overtime this year. So far, up to July 17, there has been only an average of 24 hours overtime worked at this cannery. Very little is expected for the remainder of the season, which was to end on or about August 5.

Sees United Labor Front

MILWAUKEE—"The CIO and the AFL will unite," predicted Father John A. Ryan here. "There is no other course practically possible," he said.

LARGEST U. S. SILVER MINE STRUCK BY CIO AT KELLOGG, IDAHO

Sunshine Mine Co. Organized Small Number of Scabs

By a Miner

KELLOGG, Idaho—The miners of the Sunshine Mine, largest silver producing mine in North America, under leadership of CIO Organizer T. F. McGuire, voted at a special meeting in Wallace, Sunday afternoon, August 1, to strike. By seven o'clock in the evening, they were picking the mine.

Scabs Sent In

The owners, in a futile effort to continue operation of the mine on schedule, provided transportation in trucks from Wallace and Kellogg to all whom they could entice to go back to work.

But, out of more than 500 men, who are employed by the Sunshine Co., 117, including mine officials, rode through the picket line Monday morning. Some of the men, it is reported by Organizer McGuire, came back and received and counted the ballots.

Knowing he would be back, escorted by a "goon-squad," we phoned headquarters for CIO help. Our help arrived and immediately their cars were searched by the police, and taken off to jail.

Cops Left "Goons" Alone

Attempting to forestall strike action the company, through its dummy, the San Jacinto Recreation and Safety Club, arranged a straw vote. The ballot boxes placed in Superintendent's offices told a sad story, too sad to publicize—by the company.

The results:

Out of 375 workers at Potrero shaft, all boycotted the ballot boxes except 67, who voted against the strike and 49 for it. Even at Lawrence Adit where a little "company influence" exists the superintendent, who controlled the boxes, received and counted the ballots, had nothing to brag about.

At Capazon the workers elected a committee right at the job, went to the superintendent's office and broke open the ballot box. Only six votes had been cast, four for, two against.

Union Gains Strength

These were torn up, the ballot box thrown over the dump and the committee leader announced:

"If that pink box is brought back into the office, we, the swing shift, will walk out of the shaft and close down the job."

Welcoming real union action, the workers have been pouring into union headquarters paying up back dues and bringing in new members.

CIO Organizing

Popular opinion is that the strike will be of short duration for the simple reason mine profits decree that silver ore, like the water of the old Mississippi, keep rolling along.

There are 500 smelter and mine workers in this district at work at the present time. The CIO

Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers is in here organizing the men.

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Wage Cuts Start On Orovile WPA

By a Worker Correspondent

OROVILLE, Butte County—War talk is the main topic of the day around here. People have many ways of seeing results of a war. And the Mercury Register had one editorial—on June 26 about war. But it was all confusing to the average person, for one, look on the Mercury Register as a Tory sheet and so do a lot of other people.

A Pro-Wall St. Outfit

The people must boycott such papers if the editorials and news articles continue to be of the Wall Street, monopoly capitalist line of chatter. In almost all its editorials a reactionary program is advocated.

Build the "Western"

To expose the role of the capitalist press isn't enough—we must build up our own press. It is up to the people of Oroville to demand democratic news and editorials from the local press. If such news doesn't come from the local press, then a boycott must be the next step.

And on top of this the people should subscribe to the Western Worker to learn their side of the case.

Forward to a Daily Western Worker by New Year's Day!

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

First Citrus Union in San Berdoo-Riverside

TUNNEL UNION WILL STRIKE IF NECESSARY

Banning Workers Vote to Strike if MWD Won't Negotiate

By a Worker Correspondent

BANNING, Riverside County—After submitting to a long series of abuses since early in June when many union members were discharged, CIO Local 270, Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers has set Friday, August 13, 7 p.m., as deadline for the Metropolitan Water District to meet the negotiations committee of the union.

A complete strike apparatus was set up August 7 when the local voted 89 per cent to strike unless union members who have been discharged are reinstated.

Militant members who demanded immediate uncompromising action to combat flagrant discrimination, have been backed up by the rank and file and placed in leading positions on the strike committee of 45 members of the union.

Completely Organized

Sub committees have been selected for strategy, negotiations, publicity, picket captains, welfare, policing and trial action.

The sentiment of the workers all along the tunnel, representatives at union headquarters stated, is: "This time we really mean business." At the union hall, it was announced that a committee would be sent to Los Angeles Friday, August 13, to confer with the directors of the Metropolitan Water District. Strike action will follow soon unless the company agrees to negotiate.

Police Unite With Thugs To Fight CIO

By a Bakery Worker

LOS ANGELES—The employees of California Cracker Co., makers of Cream Flake brand, are still out on strike. This is mostly due to strikebreaking activities of American Federation of Labor "leaders."

Charter Applied for

George Sandy, organizer just placed in this district by the Committee for Industrial Organization, announced that a local group has already applied for a charter. Officers elected, he stated, were W. A. Adams of Redlands, president; Pedro Hernandez of Colton, vice-president, and L. L. Lupton of Redlands, secretary.

The organization of the union is to be perfected during the slack period so the citrus workers will be ready to bargain collectively when the packing houses are active later in the season.

Labor Supports Black Nomination Against Tory Attack

SENATOR WAS WAGE & HOUR ACT'S AUTHOR Akron and Canton Labor Candidates Win in Primaries

Question Exists of Stand On Anti-Lynching and Scottsboro Case

WASHINGTON—At the same time that President Roosevelt's nomination of Senator Hugo L. Black of Alabama for Supreme Court won full and powerful support of organized labor and progressive forces, it was strongly attacked by Senate reactionaries.

An unprecedented attempt was made to block Senate confirmation, whereas senators nominated for the court heretofore have customarily been approved without necessity of committee investigation.

Black was named to replace the die-hard reactionary, Willis Van Devanter.

Labor United

Labor's support of the nomination was unchallenged. John L. Lewis declared that the CIO would use its influence to obtain a unanimous confirmation in the Senate. William Green termed the appointment of Black "highly satisfactory."

Not opposition, but uncertainty, was voiced by Negro leaders since there remained a question as to how Black would have voted on the anti-lynching bill. They also wondered what stand Black would take in the court when the Scottsboro case, originating in his home state, comes before it.

Supported Court Plan

Black ardently supported the Supreme Court reorganization plan. He was co-author with William P. Connery of the wages and hours bill. He took a leading part in the passage of two Muscle Shoals power bills, despite opposition of the Alabama Power & Light Co. He sponsored and led in the lobby investigation in the senate which revealed the operation of J. P. Morgan and other multi-millionaires to public view.

Reactionaries of both parties and both houses joined in the attack against Black, although little effect was expected other than to reveal the growing cleavage which disregards party lines.

Strategy

As strategy on the part of President Roosevelt and his New Deal program, however, the nomination of Black had much to commend it. As a Southerner and a New Dealer at the same time, the appointment was calculated both to encourage the New Deal supporters and to take the edge off the reactionary attack coming from a majority of Southern legislators.

The lesson was expected to have its effect on Southern politicians.

Fight to Save Bill

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—The Socialist New Deal here will carry to the British Privy Council the decision of the appellate court outlawing certain provisions of the government wage and hour bill. The decision barred white collar workers from participating in the benefits of the bill.

AKRON, Ohio—Two smashing victories have been scored by Labor's Non-Partisan League in Akron and Canton, Ohio.

Municipal Judge G. L. Patterson, former National Labor Relations Board Attorney, won the Democratic primary nomination for mayor with the backing of the League and of both CIO and AFL, receiving 17,635 votes as against 6,496 for County Commissioner Henry B. Bixler.

In Canton, Darrell D. Smith, with the backing of the League, won the Democratic nomination over a field of six candidates.

Council Candidates Win

Six Akron councilmanic candidates of the League received the nomination in the primaries out of ten offices to be filled. Eleven out of 12 Canton councilmanic candidates supported by the League were also nominated.

Both mayoralty candidates will be opposed in the final election by reactionary Republican incumbents who have attacked unionization of the workers and have bitterly opposed the CIO in the two cities.

Patterson's vote in the mayoralty campaign in Akron overshadowed that received by the Republican incumbent Lee D. Schroy, by nearly 6,000 votes. He won despite opposition of the regular Democratic machine and through campaign methods which placed chief reliance on the response of the voters behind a people's program.

New Party

Bixler, conservative Democrat defeated in the primary, remarked that "a new party has come to power" and indicated that reactionary Democratic politicians would get behind the Republican candidate.

Predictions of a bitter campaign for the final election were universally made, and the leading political writer for the Akron Beacon Journal declared:

"For the first time in Akron's history labor turned out its vote in an election. Approximately 40,000 ballots were cast, setting a new primary election vote record for the city."

Fritts Sued for Raid of Investigators' on Home

DECATUR, Ala.—New trials for three of the Scottsboro Boys were requested in motions filed here in Morgan County Circuit Court by Attorney Clarence Watts of the national Scottsboro Defense Committee. Trial Judge William W. Callahan set August 28 as the date for hearing arguments on the petitions.

The three involved are Clarence Norris, Charlie Weems and Andy Wright. Norris' sentence to the electric chair has been stayed by defense notice of appeal. Wright was sentenced to 99 years in prison and Weems to 75 years.

The legal motions set forth that the defendants had been denied their constitutional rights under the 14th amendment and took exception to Judge Callahan's charge to the jury. They contended further that states' attorneys in sanctioning the dismissal of charges against two of the defendants had conceded that testimony of Mrs. Victoria Price, state witness, was erroneous, and that the verdicts of the juries were "against the weight of the evidence."

Germany Threats Norway

OSLO, Norway—Norway is taking seriously the Nazi threat in northern Scandinavia. Supplies and military equipment for several thousand men have arrived in the northern province of Finnmark, in addition to the great quantities of ammunition already there.

After Twenty Years of Socialism



HONORING THE TWENTIETH anniversary of the revolution and in celebration of the adoption of the new constitution, more than 40,000 athletes from 11 Soviet republics march in Moscow's Red Square.

SOUTHERNERS HOLD UP WAGE-HOUR BILL DEMANDING LOANS ON CROPS

WASHINGTON—Wages and hours legislation became tangled with the price of cotton as southern members of the House rules committee refused to allow the wages and hours measures to come to the floor until assured of loans to bolster the falling price of cotton.

A scheduled meeting of the rules committee to consider the situation was postponed because it is claimed, administration supporters did not have enough votes to report the wages and hours measure out. Attempts were being made to secure a majority on the committee.

F. R. Wants Control

Crop commodity loans have been refused by President Roosevelt until almost positive assurance is received that Congress will pass some form of crop control legislation. Prospects for such legislation at this session seem negligible. In the meantime the southern cotton yield has turned out to be one of the biggest in years and southerners insist that unless the government places some support on the market, the price will drop disastrously low.

It is the thought of the southerners that if they can hold up wages and hours legislation, some agreement can be black-jacked from the administration regarding commodity loans. Administration leaders in the House were busily engaged in trying to find some way out.

Bill Weakened

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wages and hours bill up for consideration under a suspension of rules. In such a case the bill would have to be passed by a two-thirds majority and the time for debate would be limited to 40 minutes, with no amendments allowed.

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Betty Boop Is Picketed

NEW YORK—Simultaneous picketing of motion picture theatres in six cities has been started by the local artists unions, branches of the Women Shoppers and other labor sympathizers in protest against the continued showing of Popeye, Betty Boop and other animated cartoons produced by the struck Fleischer Studios.

Send in news of your union

to the People's Lobby Council of Alameda County.

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Another move to curb reaction was taken when a resolution was passed at the same meeting to protest the appointment of John Pettis as Assistant Labor Commissioner by Governor Merriam. Pettis was an officially recorded lobbyist for the State Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association and the Industrial Association in 1933.

Realizing that the critical physical state of Tom Mooney brooks no delay, the group urged Senator Hiram Johnson to join Senator McAdoo in supporting an early hearing on the measure which would memorialize Governor Merriam to grant a full and immediate pardon for the famous labor prisoner.

The People's Lobby Council of Alameda County will meet regularly on the 4th Friday of each month.

By a Worker Correspondent

POMONA, Los Angeles County

This tells the story!

Mrs. Frank DeVries, wife of

Frank DeVries of the Norwalk

Dairy where CIO organization

of the dairy workers is going

forward, is the type of woman

who might be expected to do

all in her power to block the

union and keep the employees

from bettering themselves.

In case you have forgotten, it

was Mrs. DeVries who gained

international publicity at the

Olympic Games in Germany

when she dashed by guards and

planted a kiss on the unpleasant

physiognomy of Adolf Hitler.

Women like Mrs. DeVries, ad-

mirers of terrorists and the Ger-

man Fuehrer, are quite in char-

acter in a labor hating role.

During the strike, Mr. and

Mrs. DeVries are reported to be

milkling the cows themselves.

Logical result of this, strikers

believe, will be to sour the milk

and make the cows ill.

The dairy workers, in their

picket line, brought forth a cow

placarded with a large sign read-

ing: "I won't be milked by a

scab."

SOCIALISTS IN N. Y. EXPEL 52 TROTZKYITES

67 More Slated for Trial; Cannon in New York to Direct Their Work

NEW YORK.—Fifty-two counter-revolutionary Trotzkyites, including Max Schachtman, James Burnham and Martin Abern, were expelled as disrupters and enemies of the Socialist Party by the New York Central Committee, it was learned from reliable sources here.

The expulsions are regarded as the beginning of a complete cleansing of the New York local of the SP, of all these counter-revolutionaries, it is understood. Sixty-seven more are slated for trial within the next two weeks.

For Destructive Work

The Trotzkyites were found guilty of a great number of charges, it was learned, involving their widespread campaign to undermine and destroy the Socialist Party through a well-organized group within that party and through organized violations of S.P. decisions.

The vote to expel was 48 to 2, with 14 members of the so-called Clarity (Zam-Tyler) group not voting one way or the other.

The list of charges preferred against the Trotzkyites was not available, but it was understood that they were accused of a campaign of sabotage against the S.P., including the conducting of local and national meetings and caucuses of their own with a view of splitting and dismembering the party.

Cannon in N. Y.

James P. Cannon, leading Trotzkyite on a national scale, was in New York to direct the activities of the New York Trotzkyites. As a member of the S.P. in California, he was not subject to the expulsion.

When queried by the Daily Worker, the New York local of the S.P. refused to confirm or deny the expulsions. The overwhelming decision, however, reflects the disgust with which the S.P. membership reacts to the destructive policies of the Trotzkyites, which have caused the membership to drop at a rapid pace.

On the Cleaners' Picket Lines

By a Cleaner

SAN FRANCISCO—Here are some notes from the picket line of the recent victorious strike of the United Cleaners & Dyers Local Industrial Union No. 447, against Del Monte Cleaners here and Sterling Cleaners in Burlingame.

"Who said that the teamsters would walk through our picket lines? One of the drivers for the Wardrobe Laundry who belongs to a union of teamsters, refused to go through the picket line at Del Monte's, saying: 'I'm not a scab.' We want to thank the drivers.

"Another example of solidarity was the case of a taxi driver who refused to take clothes into Del Monte's when ordered to do so by a passenger in his cab, saying: 'I'm sorry, but I refuse to go through any picket line.' We thank the taxi drivers who also belong to the Teamsters."

Complaints of Nazi Camps Before Justice Department

WASHINGTON—A growing mountain of complaints against the establishment of a chain of Nazi military camps in the United States and against Nazi espionage in this country, is under scrutiny of the Department of Justice after having been referred there by the State Department.

Representative Citron, D. Conn., one of the leading complainants, told reporters of documents which he submitted on behalf of others charging 17 Nazi training camps have been established in the U.S. and that Nazis are violating federal laws by shipping firearms interstate from one training camp to another.

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Voorhis Asks Federal Aid for Calif. Transients

WASHINGTON—The problem of the migratory workers in California is a nation-wide problem and its solution requires federal government action not only in California but in the dust bowl states.

Moreover, it requires a nationwide agricultural employment service, Federal transients camps in California, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and other states.

It requires federal participation in the problem of transient relief.

Living Conditions

That decent living conditions can be provided, that the migrating people appreciate them, and that such action leads to a great many highly desirable and no undesirable results have all been demonstrated in the migratory labor camps constructed by the Resettlement Administration in California.

Transient Relief

The migratory agricultural labor problem must be distinguished from the problem of penniless newcomers seeking permanent residence in a new State. This problem confronts southern California particularly. Insofar as many of these newcomers are from farm sections of the Middle West who can easily fit into agricultural jobs the two problems are somewhat related to one another. But the constant influx of uprooted people which has brought to California each month an average of about 6,0

That Daily Paper

A Column for You
Our Difficulties
Problem of "Scoops"
1st Rule for Writers

Begins with this issue, you should turn to this column to keep up with the progress of the drive for the daily "Western." It'll be here, right in this spot, telling you how we're progressing.

This column is yours, especially yours. You should write in your experiences in building the "daily." Address the column and tell it your opinions.

Today, the column officially introduces itself. Hereafter, it'll be brimful of fun, quips, suggestions, etc. Today, it comes from the staff—a sort of confidence between you and the boys in the Western Worker office.

Speaking of the need for a "daily," the staff can say here and now that unless we get one it'll be impossible to keep up with the Soviet flights to America.

Furthermore, if we're to scoop the capitalist press, giving the people the news most essential to them, instead of the usual hokum of murders, divorces, and scandal, we're going to have to have eyes and ears on every nook and cranny of the West.

It's different with our press than with one of the daily sheets financed by the bankers and industrialists. We don't have money to buy pictures, features and news that are gathered from the four corners of the earth and pooled by the monopoly news services for distribution to the capitalist dailies. We don't have money to buy the latest typographical equipment for "keeping up with the styles" of journalism. We don't have money to pay expert reporters to go out and cover happenings for "spot" news.

All these things the capitalist press has. That's why we're going to have to stretch every muscle in order to get "scoops"—in order even to compete as a newspaper with some of the dailies.

This is the difficulty we have to overcome. And the staff is moving here and now to do it. We're moving with the assurance that we can count on every reader of the Western Worker to give us infinitely more support than he would give to the capitalist dailies. This is our greatest asset.

But next in order, we need trained eyes and ears to write up the news, to express the sentiments of particular localities, to take the initiative in voicing the needs and demands of the people. So by the end of this month, the staff proposes to begin a course of instruction in reporting and writing news. Already we have received the applications of more than three-score people. Others should apply immediately.

To all these, and to the many score more upon whom we will have to depend for accurate and complete coverage, we offer one precept which will serve as a foundation for everything else to be said.

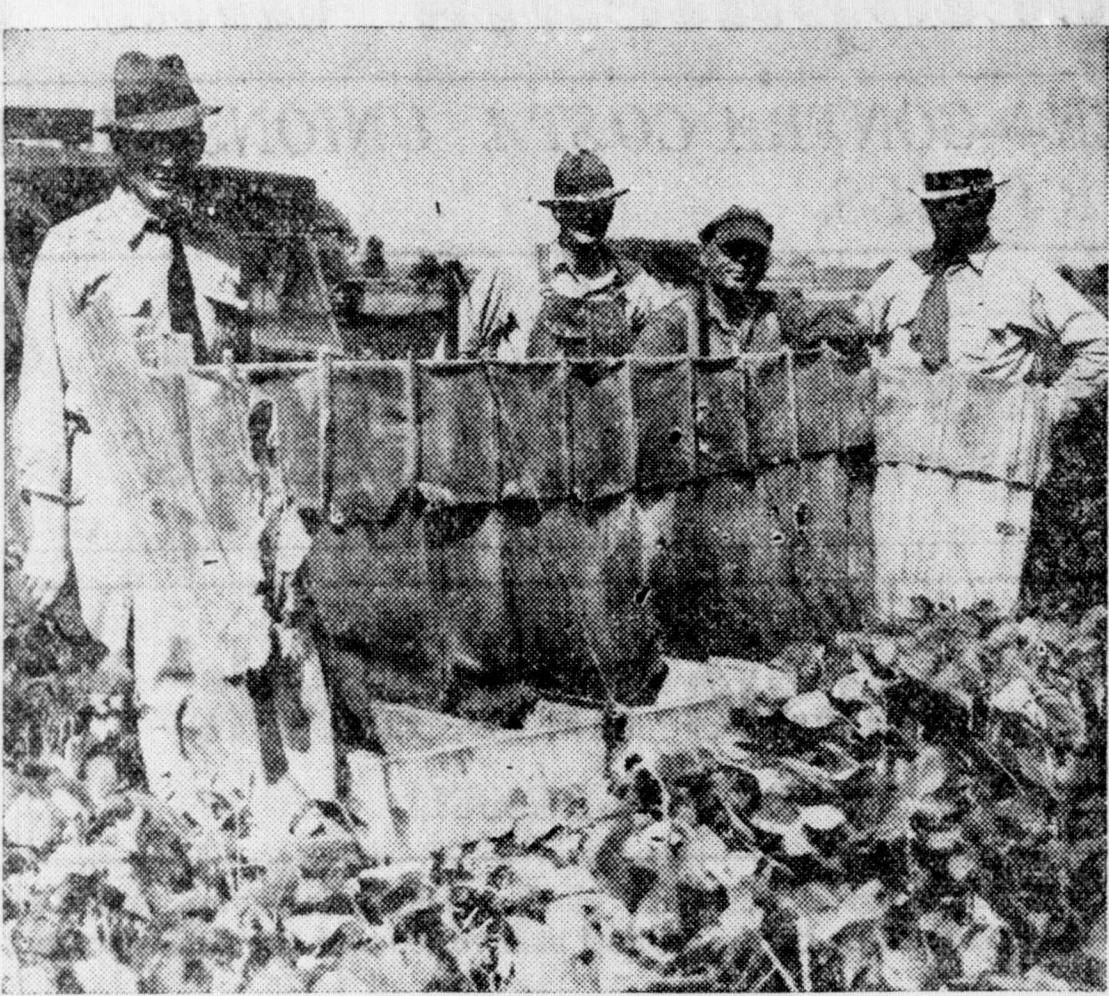
THE BEST NEWSPAPERMAN is the one who knows his subject best.

Good reporters know their town or city. They know who's who, where things happen and are likely to happen, what happenings are probable today and tomorrow. They know which events are significant and should require extensive display, and those that may be relegated to the bottom of the page.

Good feature writers study their subject before writing. If it's an interview, they know almost as much about the person before seeing him as after talking to him. If their subject is an article on legislation, high prices, or women's clothes, they study the subject thoroughly before sitting down to the typewriter.

Putting out the "Daily" is a big job. But with the support of our readers, with the trained cooperation of hundreds of alert reporters and correspondents, we can give the people the newspaper they have long wanted.

Between Foreclosures and Grasshoppers



ILLINOIS FARMERS SHOWN destroying a grasshopper horde which attacked their soy bean field. They raked up five bushels of the insects in five hours. Much more difficult is the struggle of millions of American farmers against the plague of foreclosures on their lands by the banks and mortgage companies.

A DAILY WORKER FEATURE

JEWISH FASCISTS AID BRITISH RULERS TO EXPLOIT POOR JEWISH PEOPLE

By MIKE GOLD

IN CONVERSATION with a boring and pretentious female the other day, I learned a few interesting things. It is best to listen patiently to everyone, on the principle of the junk-collector, who finds something of value in every pile of rubbish.

This lady was a walking mass of mental rubbish. She had just returned from Palestine. She and her sister had been left at an immense orange grove there. Papa was not a Zionist, but a small businessman. Many of these Jewish businessmen have flocked into Palestine for speculation.

Many of them have become rich by exploiting the pathetic passion of the Jews to build their own homeland. They smelled the money, and went after it ruthlessly. This is what is called bourgeois enterprise and patriotism.

Anyway, the interesting fact I gleaned from this fat, haughty beauty-shop product, was that the Jewish Fascist group in Palestine is rooting hard for Franco in the Spanish invasion.

These are the followers of the unspeakable Vladimir Jabotinsky. This is the wretch who offered his services to the Jew-killing whiteguard Generals in the Russian Revolution. He was ready to fight on the side of the pogrom-makers against the Bolsheviks. Now his gang wear brown-shirts in Palestine, make parades, as-sault labor leaders, and lift their hands in fascist salute.

Imagine it, from the race that has lost most from fascism, a race that has been degraded, stripped of every elemental human right, forbidden even to earn a living or receive an education, treated as nobody has yet treated a yellow dog, it is from this very race that fascist admirers and imitators spring forth. To me it is as revolting as if Negroes should join a gang of Southern lynchers to burn one of their own people.

Such are the insane depths to which the bourgeoisie sink in their fear of socialism, and what it may do to their property.

Insanity, however, has a rational core. It is sanity in a state of rot. The rational beginning of Jewish fascism is the legitimate desire of the homeless Jewish masses for a cultural fatherland. The Jewish fascists believe this can be attained by the method of Hitler and Mussolini.

They accept the fascist idea that the world is divided eternally into races, each of which is the enemy of the other. The class war and brutal exploitation within each race they shut their eyes to, like good businessmen.

Besides, fascism is another name for imperialism. Can a minority race like the Jews or Negroes practice imperialism? No, they are predestined to be the historic victims of imperialism, so long as the system lasts.

Only socialism, which means the end of race war and class war, can bring freedom to the oppressed races. This has already happened in the Soviet Union, where Jews are freer than in the imperialist colony of Palestine.

Fascism means an intensification of the oppression of small nations and minority races. After Hitler in Germany, and Mussolini in Ethiopia, only traitors refuse to see this. But the Jabotinskys would rather see every Jew perish than behold the triumph of socialism. Franco persecutes the Jew, but they whoop it up for Franco. Even from their own chauvinist viewpoint, they are quite insane. How long would a little Jewish state last in a fascist world?

Cal. 'Negro Hearst' in Showdown With Staff

By FRANK JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES—Sentiment for a chapter of the American Newspaper Guild is rising among the staff members of the California Eagle, Negro weekly published here.

The move for more voice in the determination of the paper's labor policies came recently, after Mrs. Charlotte Bass, the paper's owner, had represented the Negro people of Los Angeles as being "entirely satisfied" with the vice conditions prevailing in the Central Avenue District.

Heading a delegation of 21 Negroes, Mrs. Bass called on Mayor Frank L. Shaw and assured him of the Negro people's faith in him and in Chief of Police James E. Davis.

This event followed another incident, in which Mrs. Bass, beneficiary of advertisements from the Jim-Crow E. F. Smith public market, refused to oppose Smith's recent firing of 10 Negro workers. The market, in the

heart of the Negro district, grows fat off Negro patronage.

History of Eagle

But thoroughly to understand the move among Eagle employees for a fair share of the profits Mrs. Bass takes in by selling "Race" to the Negro people, some acquaintance with the history of the Eagle is necessary.

Fifty-eight years ago in Los Angeles, J. J. Neimore, seeking greater freedom of expression for the Negro people, and hoping to fight some of the many economic wrongs imposed on an oppressed group started a Negro paper, the California Eagle.

Thirty-three years later the California Eagle changed hands. In the hands of Mrs. Charlotte A. Bass, the publication took on more and bigger life. August 3 it absorbed the California News founded five years ago by D. Eugene Taylor. August 15 it will celebrate its 58th Anniversary, swinging open its doors to

the public.

Papers of incorporation are significant. Machinery in the shop is valued at \$50,000, including two linotype machines, five presses of different sizes, paper cutters, stichers and so forth. The payroll and the editorial staff have increased. Says Mrs. Bass, "Ours is the only Negro paper west of the Rockies with its own printing press. We are one of ten or so Negro weeklies out of the estimated 127 in the nation with a competently equipped print shop."

The Negro population of Los Angeles is about 50,000. There are eight Negro newspapers and two or more Negro magazines, each struggling along independently. The California Eagle, under its shrewd management, and with the cooperation of its workers toward realization of the idea of building a little world of their own where their people can be served, has outstripped them all.

The triumph of the California

Calif. Farmers Face Struggle As World Market Glut Looms

By CLINT DUFF

Keep your eye on King Cotton this season! For in California, in the nation and in the world, there will center around this crop a great drama involving the lives and futures of millions of human beings.

In the United States, ten million Americans have their hopes and their fears intimately tied up with the rise and fall of King Cotton.

Our state of California now stands ninth in cotton production out of 18 producing states in the country. With thousands of Californians having this crop as their only means of support, the production and marketing of cotton becomes a matter of intimate concern for everyone in the state. In this short survey, we must not only look at the local picture but must inspect the national and international situation in cotton to gain a clear perspective.

COTTON AS A WAR INDUSTRY

Big scale cotton in California was started as a war industry. In 1917, the Department of Agriculture was looking for new fields suitable for producing cotton of great strength to be used in military equipment. In the rich San Joaquin Valley were found just the suitable conditions, and a long-staple, highly superior type of cotton was speedily developed. Production skyrocketed from 135 bales in 1918 and 8,782 bales in 1920 to 27,859 bales in 1936 in this valley alone.

Although commercial cotton production was started in the Imperial County as early as 1909 and attained a peak of 57,750 bales during the war year of 1918 ever since then the crop has decreased, dwindling to 4,557 bales for last year's crop. Likewise, Riverside County (Coachella and Palo Verde Valleys) although attaining a height of 18,445 bales in 1925 has since declined to 9,338 for 1936.

But while in these two southern counties vegetables have supplanted cotton in profitability following the introduction of intensive irrigation, cotton on the other hand has become the most important single crop in San Joaquin Valley.

Only one kind of cotton is planted in the fields of the seven Valley counties (Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern). This is the long fiber Acala Cotton which wins top prices in the cotton market. In 1925, the Farm Bureau Planting Cotton Seed Distributors, a non-profit cooperative, succeeded in having the California Legislature pass legislation which created a one-type cotton community for the purpose of preventing cross pollination between different types of cotton. Today all growers obtain their cotton seed from the Cooperative which tests seeds for their purity of strain and arranges for the distribution of the seed to the farmers through the various cotton gins operating in the Valley.

KING COTTON'S CREATORS

Naturally this huge crop covering 618,000 of California's best acres does not grow up unaided but demands intensive human care in planting, picking and processing. King Cotton has three types of creators: migratory transient workers, farm tenants and small farm owners.

Transient labor forms the mainstay in harvesting the cotton crop; it could not be otherwise with such an intensive crop which demands a huge amount of labor within a short period of time. For instance, while in May one man by working every day could plant and tend 100 acres of cotton, in October he could not do the work on 10 acres. During the peak month of October, an absolute minimum of 75,000 experienced workers will be needed in the San Joaquin Valley. Migratory wage-workers will furnish the bulk of this labor.

These migratory workers find most of their employment on the 133 huge cotton farms in the state, each of whose produce is valued at more than \$30,000—there being only 441 of such cotton farms in the entire country.

During the 1936 season these workers were paid on a piece work basis of \$1.00 per hundred pounds of seed cotton picked. This rate was the highest in the country with the exception of Arizona where the rate was \$1.10. Such rates are often compared by Western growers to the prevailing pay in Georgia and South Carolina of 55¢ or that in Alabama and Florida of 60¢ in an effort to prove that Western rates are exorbitantly high. However, such comparisons mean absolutely nothing. In the first place the cost of living is much higher on the Coast and in the second place the huge scale cotton operations of the West form, in the strictest sense, an industry—a rural industry in which the wages should correspond to city industry.

Two-fifths of the total number of cotton farms in California, although a small proportion of the state crop, are run by small tenants who pay their rent either in production, in cash, or in a combination of the two.

SMALL FARMER HOLDS BAG

The third type of worker on cotton lands is the small owning farmer who gets remarkably little for all his hard work. Forced in the majority of cases to contract his crop to the ginning companies months in advance of the actual harvesting, he loses the advantage of the top market price when the cotton is sold. Indeed, when the small independent farmer gets through paying his mortgage interest (3 1/2 are mortgaged) to the banks, and his power rate which Pacific Gas and Electric Company has pegged exceedingly high, he is usually left holding the bag.

These small farmers are now realizing their enemies are not the migratory workers as they have often been told by the "Associated Farmers" propaganda, their real foes are the Bank of America, P. G. & E., and the huge ginning corporations.

In the great 1933 Cotton Strike, in which 10,000 workers of the San Joaquin Valley struck for better wages and conditions, many small farmers were willing to sign with the heroic Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union not only for the \$1 per hundred pounds asked, but for \$1.25 per hundred. Only by exerting every threat were the big owners and finance

though its sentiment be, is at variance with the facts. The pay of Eagle workers is small, their work often doubled. The city editor, J. Cullen Fenster, writes, edits, and does expert linotyping. Mrs. Bass is quite willing to let young people serving as apprentices compete with paid laborers.

This statement, beautiful

companies, who had set a scale of \$65 per hundred pounds picked, able to terrorize the small farmers into submission.

COTTON BOOM AHEAD

Now, at the brink of the 1937 harvesting, we can see trends of critical importance in the cotton fields.

Definitely a cotton boom has taken place. The California acreage of 618,000 for this year is 248,000 acres or 67% more than for 1936 and 168% over 1935. All available land in the valley has been grabbed up by large finance companies and turned over to cotton production. Land which was formerly selling for \$30 an acre now sells in some places for \$200 an acre. The rulers of finance capital evidently intend to realize a banner year with unheard-of profits from the cotton fields. But will they succeed in this aim?

Observing the national picture, we find a serious situation. The condition of the crop throughout the nation is in unusually fine condition and 3,401,000 more acres are under cotton cultivation than in 1936. The Department of Agriculture estimates a minimum national production of 15,593,000 bales of five hundred pounds each. This is 3,194,118 bales or 25% more than was produced last year.

When the Department announced this bumper crop on August 9, a sharp break in market price was the immediate result. The New York market was down to around \$1.25-\$2 a bale after the report was received. It would appear from this that the national market is already beginning to show signs of glut, the inevitable effect on prices in a capitalist economy of too much cotton.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET GLUT

Then again, the international market does little to allay prospects of a cotton glut. While in the pre-war period of 1909-14, the United States produced 13,033,000 bales amounting to 62.4% of the world's cotton production, the country has since been steadily losing the international cotton market. In 1935, the country's 10,635,000 bales amounted to only 40.9% of the total cotton production of the world.

This world situation is explained by two factors. First, the imperialist powers, notably England, Japan, Germany and Italy have been pursuing a policy of cotton planting in colonies and in dependent countries. Brazil, for example, which is dominated by British and German financial interests, has tripled its cotton production since 1925 and doubled it since 1933 to make about four million bales for the year of 1937, judging by the past rate of increase. Then in 1935 Egypt produced 5 million, India 2 1/2 million, and the Sudan 2 million bales. Since that time, these British dominated countries have undoubtedly increased their production over 50% although the figures are not yet compiled.

The second factor to be reckoned with in the world cotton market is the huge increase of cotton production in the Soviet Union. Under the famous five-year plans the USSR has multiplied its cotton production seven times since 1925. Practically all this cotton (2,200,000 bales in 1935) is absorbed by the home market to bring increased comfort to Soviet citizens, but this reacts on the international market by removing a considerable part of the consumptive power of the Soviet masses from the market.

HERE IS THE FINAL SITUATION:

1. The world market for U.S. cotton has drastically contracted.
2. U.S. cotton production for this year has increased over 25%.
3. California cotton production for this year has increased 67%.

In the face of this, the hopes of San Joaquin cotton growers for a \$50,000,000 crop this season seem a bit utopian.

MILLIONS DEPEND ON COTTON

If it were not for one most important factor, we could afford to sit back and watch the opulent monopolists dash their money brains out against the stone wall of an impossible market. But there is the supremely important matter of ten million Americans to whom the fate of King Cotton spells life or death. We can never for an instant concede to monopoly capital the right to treat these millions of workers, small farmers and businessmen as mere pawns in the game of reaping cotton dollars.

To protect these millions of honest Americans, progressive forces of land and city must demand federal intervention in the form of a stabilization program. But we must make certain that such intervention does not follow the shameful policy of the old A.A.A. Legislation is needed not to benefit the processing corporations or even to limit the output ("one-third of the nation is ill-clad") says the President. Immediate federal legislation is needed to protect the small farmer tenant, and agricultural worker from agrarian monopolists and ensure them a fair return on their cotton produce.

Still more must be done. Under the banners of the CIO, the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union will carry to millions of cotton workers an opportunity to organize and struggle for a decent livelihood. Only through organization and struggle can the workers prevent the banks and ginning companies from transferring to them the losses engendered by falling prices.

But already in California, the bosses are preparing to smash the workers' resistance

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

L. A. COPS PROTECT TEAMSTER "GOONS"—COPELAND IN NEW MOVE AGAINST SEAMEN—CONTRA COSTA UNIONS HOLD CONFERENCE ON SPAIN AID—FRAME-UP TRIAL STARTS IN HONOLULU—MORE LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR PAGES.

L. A. CIO Unions Defend Themselves Against 'Goons'

INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL PLANS TO ORGANIZE TEAMSTERS AS BECK PLOTS MORE VIOLENCE

CIO Cites Many Instances of Attacks By Roving Muscle Men Upon Its Union Members

LOS ANGELES—Committee for Industrial Organization unions, grown 50,000 strong in L. A. since January 1, will vigorously defend themselves against strike-breaking, union-smashing tactics of Teamsters Union officials which have been directed against CIO unions.

COPS USE RED TAPE TO TRIP CIO CHARGES

Try to Duck Charges of Alliance With Beck Grows

LOS ANGELES.—Yards of red tape were unwound at the Police Department Tuesday, August 10, when a committee from the CIO Int'l. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union demanded police protection from gangs of thugs imported by the local AFL Teamsters' Union officials in an attempt to break CIO organization.

In reply to union charges that local police favor the Teamsters in their anti-labor activities, Acting Police Chief George Allen declared that if an officer failed to do his duty, a report should be made. If evidence were sufficient, Allen stated, the officer would be disciplined.

Beck's Sluggers Immune

"If the police will act," declared George Roberts, president of the CIO Industrial Council, "open warfare can be avoided."

Roberts charged that while police "search automobiles of our pickets looking for guns and saps, they do not search the cars of hired slingers sent here by Dave Beck."

At the Board of Supervisors, a thorough investigation into the committee's charges was promised by Chairman Roger Jessup.

Probe Promised

"If police are winking at labor violence because it may serve the objective they are immediately interested in, they are playing with fire," commented Supervisor John Anson Ford.

The government has sought to provide orderly channels for workers to employ in organizing, and no agency or interest has a right to seek to circumvent legitimate and orderly organization methods."

"We are asking for police protection for both AFL and CIO men. If we do not get it, we will enlist the aid of church and civic groups to see that the law is enforced," Roberts explained.

Anti-Labor Vigilante Outrages in Dallas

DALLAS, Texas.—Covertly protected by Dallas police, blood-thirsty vigilantes tarred and feathered Herbert Harris, Socialist motion picture operator, and George Baer, vice-president of the United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers of America, who has been active in organizing underpaid garment workers of this city.

Open-Shopper Inspired

The attacks occurred separately, but indications are that the same reactionary forces inspired both outrages.

Harris was exhibiting a labor picture, "Millions of Us," in a local park.

Harris was pressed by his captors as to whether he was connected with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Martinez Oil Union Raps Teamo Heads

MARTINEZ, Contra Costa County.—Intl. Oil Workers Union Local 5, CIO, has gone on record condemning San Francisco Teamster officials for attacks on members of the Filling Station Employees Union, IOWU affiliate.

Typhoid Drops in USSR

MOSCOW—Typhoid cases in USSR have been cut 42 per cent since 1933, according to the Commissariat of Health.

Hawaii Labor Moves Forward



GREAT STRIDES are being made by organized labor in the Territory of Hawaii, under the newly organized Hawaiian Islands Federation of Labor. Photo shows a group of Japanese longshoremen, members of the union at Port Allen, Island of Kauai, with Grover Johnson, Intl. Labor Defense attorney, in the center. Johnson is defending nine Filipino labor leaders against a frame-up charge in a Honolulu court.

FRAME-UP TRIAL AGAINST 9 UNIONISTS STARTS IN T. H.

Grover Johnson Defends Filipino Strike Leaders in Honolulu Court

HONOLULU.—Jury in the frame-up trial of nine Filipino workers on charges of kidnapping a fellow worker, has been selected here. Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorney, is defending the men. The trial is expected to last about two weeks.

CIO UNION RAPIDLY ORGANIZING L. A. UTILITY WORKERS

Workers Sign Up Despite Co. Pressure for AFL Union

LOS ANGELES.—The United Electrical & Radio Workers Union, a CIO affiliate, is making great progress in Southern California, is rapidly organizing the utility workers of this territory, Maxwell Greenseid, national representative of the union, said last week.

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"The teamsters are between two extremes," said Beck, attempting to justify recent seabarging and strikebreaking moves by him and other AFL heads. "Selfish business which hates any kind of labor on one hand, and Communist labor on the other hand."

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"Los Angeles had better wake up. The Teamster campaign here will lead the city into a state of terrorism. We hope to avoid conflicts, but if the Teamsters continue to carry on an organizing campaign in Los Angeles along this line, we will have to protect ourselves."

Quick Gains by CIO Laundry Union, N.Y.

NEW YORK.—An agreement covering 10,000 workers in the linen supply laundry field, the first major contract in New York's laundry industry, was ratified last week by laundry workers meeting at the Hippodrome.

The workers are members of United Laundry Workers, Local 204, affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Big Gains

The contract provides a \$15.75 minimum for inside workers, \$35 for outside workers, guarantees 48 weeks work per year, 45-hour week for inside workers and a 50-hour week for drivers, time and a half for overtime, six holidays, including May 1, with pay, a 10 per cent wage increase, 15 minute rest period daily for inside workers during July and August, and union recognition.

The United Laundry Workers has grown from 3000 to 10,000 members in a period of a few weeks.

S. F. "WATERFRONT SHINDIG" SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 21

SAN FRANCISCO.—The question of "who is the personality girl" will be settled next Saturday, August 21, at 8 p.m., when the "Waterfront Shindig" takes place at 779 Vallejo St. The committee in charge announces an outstanding program of entertainment and dancing.

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COPELAND FOR ABOLITION OF HIRING HALLS

Senator is "Advised" by Scharenberg and Other ISU Reactionaries

WASHINGTON.—Chairman of the Senate committee on commerce last week recommended that Congress take steps to abolish all hiring halls for seamen.

Copeland, who writes for William R. Hearst and who is author of the hated fink book bill, would have all hiring done by United States shipping commissioners.

Hiring halls are the main factor in securing a closed shop for seamen as well as longshoremen. Copeland has long been an enemy of all maritime workers and their unions.

ISU Heads Aided Copeland

Technical advice was given the committee by three discredited Int'l. Seamen's Union heads.

Paul Scharenberg, David Grange of the Marine Cooks and Stewards and John Bley of the Marine Firemen's Union.

Howard C. Culmann, vice-chairman of the Port Authority of New York City, filed a minority report in which he denounced the ineffectiveness of the Senate committee's methods and the consequent triviality of the report.

CHINESE SEAMEN ON SANTA PAULA BACK HOMELAND

Send Wire to President Lin Sen Pledging Aid Against Japan

NEW YORK.—Every Chinese seaman aboard the Grace Line ship, Santa Paula, has sworn to help the fight against Japan.

The Santa Paula runs between New York and San Francisco. The Chinese crew of 37 started the ball rolling by sending a cable to President Lin Sen at Nanking, pledging 100 per cent support to the national struggle.

Many white seamen on the Santa Paula also have pledged to aid the Chinese in their struggle against Japanese military aggression.

Ford Next! Slogan For UAW Meeting

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Between 1500 and 2000 delegates are expected here on August 23 when the second annual convention of the United Automobile Workers Union meets to celebrate a year of triumphant progress under the Committee for Industrial Organization and to plan further advances in the coming year.

The past year has seen the UAW win strikes against General Motors Corp. and the Chrysler Corp., and grow in membership from 30,000 to over 350,000.

Ford Next!

Organization of the nearly 100,000 workers in the Ford plants, will be one of the major questions before the convention.

Gossip by General Motors stockholders in the capitalist press that a split is impending in the UAW, is laughed at by union members and officials.

SILK WORKERS OUT

PATERSON, N. J.—Thirty-five thousand silk workers in Paterson, N. J., Allen town, Easton, Wilkes-Barre, and Hazleton, Pa., were reported out by the TWOC in the long-threatened industrywide strike.

Greensied reported that Local 1415 in the Nevada Gas and Electric Co. is contesting through the National Labor Relations Board the organization of a company union.

Business Agent Bob Says

I HEARD a story about a millionaire Liberty Leaguer addressing a graduating class at one of the ritzy colleges, who was bragging about how he had achieved "success."

"All my success, all my financial prestige," said the millionaire, "I owe to one thing—pluck, pluck, pluck."

"But," called out a voice, "how are we to find the right people to pluck?"

Rank and File Active

The strike did not remain sterile. A rank-and-file movement originating on the floor of the union, resulted in the election of a strike committee.

The Joint Committee, headed by Spooner, ordered the removal of one picket from the storefront of Walgreen. The Strike Committee fought this sabotage by which a roving picket captain was permitted to supplement the two regular pickets.

Pickets Determined to Win

The Strike Committee was not allowed by the phoney officials of two AFL unions to state their case or to appeal for aid.

The pickets are determined to gain recognition for their union from Walgreen despite the operation the firm is receiving from the courts in the form of anti-picketing injunctions and warrants.

Real's Strikebreaking

Teamsters continued to appear at Walgreens with loads, un-

'Fools and Docks'

By DON RUSSELL

San Francisco celebrated "Harbor Day" Saturday, August 7. It happened to be the 162nd anniversary of the first known date at which vessel entered the Golden Gate.

That first vessel was manned by seamen. God only knows how many ships have entered the Golden Gate since that day 162 years ago. But god, every seaman knows that every vessel entering the Golden Gate was manned by seamen. Seamen took all the chances—slept in the lousy bunks, ate the filthy grub—all that a small group of shipowners might profit.

And now San Francisco celebrates. But does the celebrating? Is it the seamen? The longshoremen? Guess again. The Junior Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Rossi remember the waterfront men only to lie about them and to cut their pay. Recognition from Rossi and the Junior Chamber usually comes in the form of bullets, gas, police clubs and court frame-ups.

Work As Usual

When the American flag flew from a thousand masts on Saturday it flew in the name of profits. It flew in the name of hard cash. It did not fly for waterfront men who made those profits possible.

Along the Embarcadero it was "business as usual." There was dirt and sweat and work. It was waterfront dirt and sweat that filled the plates and bottles of the St. Francis Club revelers.

It is too much to hope that the food and drink at the St. Francis Yacht Club turned sour in the mouths of the shipowners. Mayor Rossi strutted from one "public" function to another. Naval and army officials attended. Probably there was champagne.

No Champagne. While the swells were dining at the yacht club a lot of seamen were sitting on benches in some dingy, fly-infested mess-rooms, gulping half-cooked food, swallowing like warm dishwater, sometimes called coffee.

Did the Junior Chamber of Commerce or Mayor Rossi or the military officials or shipowners remember the thousands upon thousands of seamen without whom the trade that made the profits that bought the caviar and champagne, would have been impossible?

They did not!

And they wonder why the maritime workers believe in strong unions.

CHINESE SEAMEN ON SANTA PAULA BACK HOMELAND

London.—Seventeen members of the Linaria crew who were prosecuted and convicted for refusing to carry a cargo of nitrus from Boston to the Spanish Fascists, won their appeal against conviction. Sentences were quashed in all cases.

LONGSHOREMEN OF NORTHWEST FIRMER THAN EVER FOR CIO

Bridges States Tacoma ILA Local Was Misinformed

SAN FRANCISCO.—Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO director, last week declared that sentiment for the CIO is stronger than ever among longshoremen of the Pacific Northwest.

Bridges, who had just returned from a trip to the Northwest, said the Tacoma local's vote to stay with the AFL came because the membership had been misinformed by their officials.

Anti-CIO Lies Exposed

SEATTLE.—The Tacoma local of the International Longshoremen's Assn., in deciding to "stay with the AFL," holds that a clause in the United Woodworkers' Union charter, CIO, gives the woodworkers jurisdiction over lumber from stump to finished product.

In deriding this contention the Shop Stewards' Bulletin of the Seattle Longshoremen says:

Deliberate Misstatement

"This is a deliberate misstatement of the truth. It is the policy of the CIO to build industrial unions and if the policy as brewed up by Paddy Morris was followed to its logical conclusion, the brewery workers would load the beer, the steel workers the steel, the miners the coal, and I suppose the farmers would take in to load the hay and potatoes."

Paddy Morris, author of the Tacoma alibi, is former secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Coast District of the ILA.

"We're With You," Say Ford Workers

DETROIT.—"We're with you, keep it up," was what thousands of Ford workers whispered to members of the CIO United Automobile Workers of America last week, as 50,000 special Ford editions of the union paper were passed out to 50,000 workers in Ford's River Rouge plant.

Although thousands of Ford "service men" were in evidence, not one of them dared to provoke a disturbance with any of the 1500 union men and women who distributed the paper.

"This proves that the union and what it stands for is bigger than the Ford Service Department," declared union spokesman.

Many of those distributing the paper were among those brutally assaulted and beaten on May 26 by Ford "service men."

CIO Nursery Union Organized, Loomis

SAN FRANCISCO—Unemployed workers in and around the Bay Area are being circulated by the California State Employment Service to "combine a family outing with an opportunity to earn more money," by working in the hop fields.

According to John E. Benson, S. F. manager of the state employment service, "inexperienced hop pickers make from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per day." Benson writes also that "hop picking is not hard work and even the youngsters can earn some money after working hours are completed."

He doesn't explain how a family is to live on \$1.75 per day but he thinks "it would be exceptionally nice for families who have been unable to enjoy a vacation as